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HOLIDAY ANNOUNCEMENT!

If you are going to make a Christmas or New Year's Present, it will more than pay you to look at

Our Display of Holiday Goods,

which we are offering at prices never so low. We could not offer these goods at such low prices were we not retiring from business. Our stock consists of

Neckwear in All Shapes and Styles, Handkerchiefs in Silk and Linen, both plain and initial; Gloves, Collars, Cuffs, Shirts, Full Dress Shields, Mufflers, Hats, Caps,

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REMEMBER OUR PIANO CONTEST!

Every cash purchaser of 50 cents worth of goods will receive a coupon. At the expiration of time the person holding the greatest number of coupons will receive the HANDSOME UPRIGHT PIANO which is on exhibition in our window.

Suits Made to Order from $10 Up. Pants $2.50 Up.

SAMUEL LIPFELD,

Clothier and Furnisher, 25 North Street, Middletown, N. Y.

Before Christmas

Make it your business to call on us. We have so many interesting things that it will be a pleasure for you to look them over. Special line of

HOLIDAY NECKWEAR

Puffs, Imperials, 4-in-Hands and Tecks regular 50 and 75c goods, our price 35c EACH OR 3 FOR $1—cheaper grades in all styles at 23 and 15c. GLOVES and MITTENS make useful gifts. We have some elegant Fur Gloves at low prices. HATS or CAPS are presents which are greatly appreciated. Plush and Fur Capes in different styles CLOTHING OF EVERY DESCRIPTION, ALL OUR OWN MAKE, at reduced prices. You can always save $3 on every $10 worth of clothing you buy from us, because you save the middleman's profit, besides getting better made and better fitting clothing. "OUR PRICES ARE ALWAYS LOWER THAN OTHERS CHARGE FOR SAME GOODS!" We return money as cheerfully as we receive it, if, for any reason, you'd rather have the money than the goods.

This is our Trade Mark.

Budwig & Co.
8 NORTH ST
MIDDLETOWN, N.Y.

Look for it when you buy Clothing.

To-Night, To-Morrow and To-Morrow Night

Santa Claus Remains in Town.

We once more call your attention to our stock of Rugs, Art Squares, Traveling Bags, Trunks, Dress Suit Cases and Carpet Sweepers—all or any of which make a very desirable X-mas present. While our trade has been very satisfactory, and at this time willing and wishing to thank our friends and patrons for their patronage, we are desirous of serving those who from one cause or another may have delayed making their purchases. Stock complete, adding to it daily. You know our prices are right.

Matthews & Co., North and Roberts St

1896 DOCKASH LINE OF RANGES!

is the finest production in the stove line ever offered to the public. Extra large high ovens, movable grate bars and the prices, they will surprise you. Over 1,400 sold by us in this city and vicinity.

RINK & CLARK, 28 North and 7 King Streets

FIRST NATIONAL BANK.

Money left with the First National Bank of Middletown, on certificate of deposit, for three (3) months, will draw interest at the rate of three (3) per cent. per annum.
By order Board of Directors.
SEYMOUR DEWITT, Cashier.

Children Cry for Pitcher's Castoria.

COUNTERFEITERS CAUGHT.

Complete Outfit For Making the Queer Found In Their Rooms.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Chief Hazen and two of his assistants—Flynn and Averill—of the United States secret service late last night made two important arrests which they believe will lead to the capture of several others who are engaged in one of the biggest counterfeiting operations in many months.

The two men are Paolo and Luigi Negro, brothers, respectively 35 and 21 years old, of 37 Broome street. It is reported that they have another brother in state prison serving a sentence for counterfeiting, and it was this fact that gave the secret service men their clew.

Chief Hazen's attention was first directed to the operations of the band by information that a large number of counterfeit dimes, quarters, 50 cent pieces and silver dollars were in circulation in the Italian district, and he at once put several of his best men to work on the case.

The men were caught, it is said, in the act of passing counterfeit money. At their rooms was found a complete outfit of counterfeiting tools, including molds, pots and ladles. They also found about $75 in counterfeit coin of almost perfect manufacture. It included half dollars, quarters and silver dollars.

Rotten Eggs For Colonel Stiles.

GUTHRIE, O. T., Dec. 24.—Colonel D. F. Stiles of the Oklahoma national guard was pelted with rotten eggs at the depot while about to board a train for Oklahoma City. The assault was made by four men who stood in the shadow of the depot building. Colonel Stiles' assailants escaped. The affair is said to be the result of bitter feeling among members of Company A, O. N. G., in which Colonel Stiles recently reduced several noncommissioned officers to the ranks. Colonel Stiles is a retired captain of the United States army.

Postmasters Appointed.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—The following named fourth class postmasters have been appointed: Pennsylvania—Claysburg, J. M. Dibert; Jefferson, A. J. Young; Lewis Run, Mrs. Kitty Cannon; Maltby, Stephen Lukesh; Port Griffith, William P. Gilgallon; Prosperity, Margaret M. Dille. Connecticut—Center Groton, A. G. Lester. Vermont—Miles Pond, William Russell. New York—Campbell Hall, G. B. Alexander; Mongaup Valley, J. M. Kiersted; West Brookville, Lewis Rhodes.

Ex-Congressman Dead.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 24.—Ex-Congressman John Patton of Curwensville, Pa., died in this city last night after a long illness. He was 74 years of age. Mr. Patton was president of the First National bank of Curwensville and later of a private bank. He was a delegate to the national convention which nominated Lincoln. In that year—1860—he was elected a member of the Thirty-seventh congress from the Twenty-fourth district of Pennsylvania. He was re-elected in 1886.

Wages of Mint Employees Cut.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—By direction of the secretary of the treasury the compensations of the employees of the United States mint at San Francisco have been reduced in the aggregate $41,148 per annum. By this reduction the compensation to be paid will be practically the same as at the mint at Philadelphia. There are about 198 employees at San Francisco, and the pay of all but 35 will be cut.

Lawyer Andrews Found Dead.

CLEVELAND, Dec. 24.—W. W. Andrews, an attorney and the head of one of the most distinguished families in the Western Reserve, was found dead in his chair in his office. He had been afflicted with heart disease. Mr. Andrews was 61 years of age and was born in Cleveland. He was the son of the late Judge Sherlock J. Andrews, one of the most distinguished jurists in Ohio in his day.

Heretical Minister Stands Firm.

LOUISVILLE, Dec. 24.—Rev. M. H. Houston, who was tried and convicted of heresy, appeared before the Louisville presbytery and declined to receive the censure and admonition that had been prepared for him, and that before he would give up his beliefs he would give up his calling. Final action was postponed until the spring meeting of the presbytery.

Dawson Not Starving.

VICTORIA, B. C., Dec. 24.—A. P. McQuillan, a passenger on the steamer City of Seattle, has arrived here. He says there is enough food in Dawson to last the 6,000 men now there all winter, those without food, about 2,000 in number, having gone to Fort Yukon.

New Bank In Kansas.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—The Alma National bank of Alma, Kan., has been authorized to begin business with a capital of $50,000.

CONDENSED DISPATCHES.

The Mussulmans in Crete attacked a caravan and killed 12 Christians.

The Oil Well Supply company of Pittsburg will resume work with 1,500 men.

General Gonzales Munoz has been appointed captain general of the Philippines.

In a criminal case at Oakland, Cal., the litigant, counsel and witnesses are deaf mutes.

Jacob Welnand of St. Louis was murdered by being choked to death with cloth and horsehair.

Dr. Carlos Rivera, late of the Cuban army, has been sentenced for an old forgery in New Mexico.

The operatives at Fall River, Mass., are bitter against the manufacturers because of the cut in wages.

Charles Helmbold, son of the late Dr. Helmbold of New York, who threatened to kill Consul General Osborne, has been taken to an insane asylum in London.

ARMOUR'S BIG LOSS.

The Wheat Fight Is Said to Have Cost Him a Million.

LEITER'S GAINS TWICE THAT AMOUNT

He Has Already Reaped Two Million Dollars by the Big Deal—Rumor That He and Armour Will Pool on May Wheat.

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—There is more money represented in the Leiter wheat corner than ever has been known before in the history of the Chicago board of trade. Armour, Cudahy, Fairbank, Hutchinson, Kershaw, Harper, Coster-Martin and others who have run corners never approached the present one in magnitude.

From what is known of the present deal, it is figured out, based upon the

PHILIP D. ARMOUR.

most reliable information obtainable, that Joseph Leiter and his father, L. Z. Leiter, stand for these sums:

Leiter paid Armour	$3,200,000
Leiter paid Weare	1,600,000
Leiter paid (or will pay) other shorts	1,500,000
Leiter's margins on May wheat	500,000
Cost of deal to present date	500,000
Estimated cost storage, etc., of 8,000,000 bushels for three months	350,000
Interest on money borrowed at 3½ per cent	60,000
Cost of deal to April 1	$7,710,000
Profits	2,000,000
Money yet invested	$5,710,000

If Leiter takes and pays for all his May wheat, this will represent cash to the amount of $3,800,000, but it cannot be figured in the present estimate.

These figures are on the other side of the ledger:

Armour lost on deal	$1,000,00
Weare lost on deal	500,000
Other shorts lost about	500,000
Leiter's profits to date	$2,000,000

Armour was, of course, a big bear, and his shortage was put at 4,000,000 bushels. He sold his wheat from 65 to 95, making his average about 80 cents, but when he came to buy it for delivery to Leiter it cost him nearly $1 per bushel, taking into consideration the expense of bringing it here. In many cases he paid premiums to vessel owners, who did not want to risk their vessels without some guarantee that their possible losses might be made up. When the last Armour vessels came into Chicago with Armour's wheat, navigation was exceedingly dangerous. At $1 per bushel Armour's wheat cost him $4,000,000, but his shortage was only 20 cents per bushel, and his losses are not put at more than $1,000,000, and they may be a trifle under that.

Portus B. Weare was the other big "short." His line was about 2,000,000 bushels, and his loss on it about $500,000. Payments by Leiter to him aggregated about $1,600,000.

Leiter, according to the best sources of information, has bought about 4,000,000 bushels of May wheat, making his entire estimated line 12,000,000. All this was purchased above 90 cents and represents $3,800,000 in the aggregate, but his margins on this will not exceed $500,000. He is not compelled to pay for the wheat itself until it is delivered to him.

Wheat above 90 cents looks very dear to the average member of the Chicago board of trade. Leiter has a tremendous fortune in wheat now—in fact, his holdings, together with expenses, represent $11,510,000, less $2,000,000 profit already made.

This estimate is based of course upon the assumption that he may buy the May outright, but if it goes up he may sell and gather in his marginal profit. In the meantime young Leiter is undisturbed and says he knows what he is about.

The story that Armour and Leiter have pooled their interests and are bulling May wheat is revived. Both Armour's and Leiter's men bought wheat yesterday. Armour's movements are closely veiled, but Leiter's engineers make no secret of their dealings in May wheat. Already May wheat is regarded by the public as dangerous to handle. The bulls say that up to July there will be no new crop in this country. European countries expect a surplus in Australia, Russia and Argentine. But the aggregated shipments from these countries are regarded as insufficient to satisfy the shortage in Europe. The situation has never been so favorable for a corner in May wheat as it will be this year.

Richard Croker's Brother Dead.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—George Croker, brother of Richard Croker, died about midnight last night at the residence of Dr. William T. Jenkins, Rosebank. The cause of death is said to have been heart failure, and it is said the deceased had been ill for some time.

Oldest Minnesotan Dead.

ST. PAUL, Dec. 24.—Baziile Lupremont, the oldest man in Minnesota, died yesterday in Little Falls. He was nearly 110 years old.

ANDERSON CONVICTED.

Coolly Hears the Sentence of Death, but Breaks Down Later.

NORFOLK, Dec. 24.—John Anderson has been convicted of the murder of William Wallace Saunders, mate of the schooner Olive Pecker, on the high seas on the 6th of August last and under the sentence of the court must be hanged on the 18th of March next unless the supreme court of the United States in the meantime interposes.

Anderson received the verdict unmoved. A motion for a new trial was made and argued. The court overruled the motion after a brief argument in reply by the district attorney, and Judge Goff sentenced the prisoner. Anderson hardly moved a muscle while the sentence was being pronounced, but cried a little while talking to his attorney afterward.

Princeton Trustee Dead.

PRINCETON, N. J., Dec. 24.—Charles E. Greene, one of the most prominent of the trustees of Princeton university, died suddenly here yesterday of heart failure. He had come from Fortress Monroe to attend a meeting of the board of trustees. Upon his arrival he was apparently in good health, but complained of fatigue. He participated in the regular business of the meeting and made the closing speech of the day. After that time he complained of illness and was taken to the residence of Professor William Libbey. At 5 o'clock in the afternoon heart failure developed, and he died instantly.

Paxson's Appointment Thought Certain.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—It is believed that the president has decided to appoint Judge Paxson of Pennsylvania as a member of the interstate commerce commission to succeed Colonel William R. Morrison, whose term will expire in January. The president yesterday informed Senator Deboe of Kentucky, who called upon him in the interest of Mayor Todd of Louisville, that the place was promised, and it is thought that Judge Paxson is the man slated for the place.

Thieves Choke Woman Ticket Agent.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—An attempt was made at 12 45 o'clock this morning to rob the station of the Union Elevated railroad at Kosciusko street and Broadway, Brooklyn. A woman agent is in charge of the station. The thieves entered the ticket booth, choked and beat her almost into insensibility and started for the street. The young woman managed to cry for help, and a policeman heard her. He chased one of the thieves and caught him.

Cadets Being Disciplined.

ANNAPOLIS, Dec. 24.—The entire third class of the Naval academy cadets is undergoing punishment for alleged insubordination. The charge is that they behaved disrespectfully to a lieutenant of the navy who was in charge of the class. The class will be restricted until the guilty ones confess. Meantime each cadet in the class will be compelled to patrol the building two hours every day and every night.

Novel Action For Libel.

ROCHESTER, Dec. 24.—An action has been commenced by Frederick Payne, a prominent citizen of Boston, against Smith Lovejoy of the same place for alleged libel. The defendant, the complaint alleges, was instrumental in causing the plaintiff to be held up to ridicule and contempt in one of Mrs. Jarley's wax figures at a public entertainment in Benton Center on the evening of Dec. 10.

Wants Jimmy Michael's Scalp.

MILWAUKEE, Dec. 24.—Henry Kanaska, a professional cyclist of this city, has issued a challenge to the world to race any distance from one to three miles on an indoor track for a purse of $500 to $1,000. Kanaska prefers to go against Michael, the Welsh wonder, but, failing in this, is willing to take on any of the speedy ones. Kanaska holds the world's indoor paced record for a mile at 1m. 58 2-5s.

Lady Millais Dead.

LONDON, Dec. 24.—Lady Millais, widow of Sir John Millais, the late president of the Royal academy, is dead. Lady Millais had been suffering for some time past from cancer of the throat, the same disease which caused the death of her husband on Aug. 13, 1896. She was the divorced wife of John Ruskin, the latter having voluntarily given her up when it was evident she loved Millais.

Benzine Starts a Destructive Fire.

CLEVELAND, Dec. 24.—Fire broke out in the business center of the city late yesterday afternoon and, fanned by a high northwest wind, destroyed property worth more than $500,000. The fire started by the explosion of a large can of benzine in the lithographing establishment of Johns & Co., in the Power block. Windows were blown out and several employees escaped with difficulty.

Judge Daniels Buried.

BUFFALO, Dec. 24.—The funeral of the Hon. Charles Daniels was held yesterday. The ceremony was conducted by Archdeacon Lobdell of Trinity church. The honorary pallbearers were the Hon. Albert Haight, justice of the court of appeals; Hon. Sherman S. Rogers, Hon. James M. Smith, Hon. James O. Putnam, Henry W. Box, Franklin D. Locke, George B. Hibbard and Pascal P. Pratt.

Parker Takes Second Oath of Office.

ALBANY, Dec. 24.—Chief Judge Elect Alton B. Parker took a second oath of office at the secretary of state's office yesterday. Judge Parker took his first oath of office on the 16th inst., but the state board of canvassers did not declare his election officially until the 20th. A question arose as to the legality of his first oath of office, so to settle all questions the second oath was taken.

BIG BANK FAILURE.

A Philadelphia Establishment Closes Its Doors.

CLAIM THAT DEPOSITORS WILL BE PAID

Chestnut Street Trust and Savings Company Also Involved—Liabilities of the Bank Aggregate About $3,000,000. Causes of the Collapse.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 24.—The Chestnut Street National bank did not open its doors for business yesterday. The reason therefor was stated in a notice posted on the door which read as follows:

"The Chestnut Street National bank is closed for business and is in the hands of the national bank examiner."

A crowd of depositors soon gathered about the door, but there was no especial excitement, and as a general rule, after each had learned the nature of the notice on the door, he moved away, and his place in the crowd was taken by others anxious to glean something regarding the situation.

The bank has at all times held a good reputation, but it has been known for some time that its business, and, necessarily, its profits, have fallen off considerably. The bank's suspension, however, was a great surprise, especially so in view of the high standing of its officers. William M. Singerly is its president and Isaac Cooper vice president.

The statements of the cause of the failure current here agree with that made by Comptroller Eckels at Washington yesterday, that it was primarily due to the loss of much money by Mr. Singerly in his unproductive paper mill at Elkton, Md., one of the largest in the country. One statement placed the sum thus involved at nearly a million of dollars. Mr. Singerly also has much money invested in other enterprises in this and other cities. Rumors were current to the effect that the ownership of The Record would pass from Mr. Singerly, but this he denied, stating positively that he is in absolute control of the paper and will continue at its head.

On Monday of this week the Chestnut Street National bank made this report to the Philadelphia clearing

WILLIAM M. SINGERLY.

house: Loans and discounts, $2,261,000; legal reserve, $396,000; deposits, $1,789,000; due from banks, $335,000; due to banks, $686,000; circulation, $43,000.

The Chestnut Street Trust and Savings Fund company, the officers of which are identical with those of the bank, and the offices being located in the same building, was also closed for business, but to what extent the trust company is involved in the bank's affairs has not yet been announced.

The liabilities of the bank and the trust company together will aggregate about $3,000,000, represented by $1,700,000 of deposits in the bank and $1,300,000 in the trust company.

The condition of the trust company at the close of business on Nov. 16 was reported to the state authorities as follows:

Resources—	
Cash on hand	$34,004 58
Checks and other cash items	69,895 84
Due from banks and bankers	115,073 03
Call loans upon collaterals	68,318 56
Time loans upon collaterals	226,589 52
Loans upon bonds and mortgages	317,306 48
Mortgages	172,376 50
Real estate, furniture and fixtures	218,105 01
Overdrafts	1,092 77
Miscellaneous assets	15,542 07
Total	$1,858,659 38
Liabilities—	
Capital stock paid in	$250,000 00
Surplus fund	50,000 00
Undivided profits, less expenses	52,385 04
Deposits subject to check $855,750 92	
Deposits, special 636,502 94	
	1,492,253 86
Miscellaneous liabilities	14,020 48
Total	$1,858,659 38
Amount trust funds invested	$193,704 64
Amount trust funds uninvested	41,329 06
Total	$235,123 70

Depositors Will Be Paid.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Comptroller Eckels said yesterday that no other banks were involved and that in his judgment none would be affected by the failures. Mr. Eckels and Mr. Hart, the bank examiner in charge, had a conversation over the long distant telephone. Mr. Hart said that a joint meeting of the directors of the two failed concerns with Mr. John C. Bullitt, who is acting as counsel for the department; Mr. Coffin, the deputy comptroller, and himself was then in progress and that they were working on a plan to bring about voluntary liquidation, with reasonable hope of success. Among the directors present were several men of large means, and it was hoped that a final settlement on this basis ultimately would be secured.

At the comptroller's office no doubt is expressed as to the ability of the bank to pay its depositors.

Boston Banks Will Not Lose.

BOSTON, Dec. 24.—At the Third National bank, the correspondent of the Chestnut Street National bank of Philadelphia, it was said that the Philadelphia institution has sufficient balances here to cover any outstanding liabilities and that none of the Boston banks will lose anything on account of the failure.

WARNER SENTENCED

Kidnaper Gets a Term of Fifteen Years' Imprisonment.

GIVES NEW VERSION OF THE AFFAIR.

Disclaims the Honor of Being the Arch Conspirator and Delegates That Position to Blake, Who Has Been Sentenced Already.

ALBANY, Dec. 24.—To Albert S. Warner, the last of the kidnapers of Johnny Conway, has been meted a term of 15 years. This sentence was passed by Judge Alden Chester in the supreme court yesterday afternoon after he had listened to a plea for mercy from the criminal himself. Warner pleaded guilty to the crime of kidnaping at the morning session of the court and was remanded for sentence until the afternoon.

When he was arraigned for sentence and asked if he had any statement to make why sentence should not be passed upon him, he gave an altogether new version of the kidnaping story as told by Blake and denied most emphatically that he conceived the kidnaping plot. He said in part:

"I came to Albany on the Saturday before the kidnaping of the child on a pleasure excursion with Mr. Blake. I knew nothing of a plan to kidnap the child until after it had been done. I had no ideas concerning the doing of this before.

"I went to a saloon in Hudson avenue and inquired for Blake. They told me he had not been there. I left for Keelers to look for him and met Hardy, who said Blake was out on some turnpike west of the city and that he was in trouble and wanted to see me. I went out to the West Albany station, where I found Blake with the boy. I said to him: 'Harry, what have you done this for? You can't do anything with the child. What have you done it for?'

"Here came my mistake. If I had left, I would not have been implicated in the thing at all. But I staid along with the child, and the others said that they would get the money all right, and the thing would be over with. So I staid in the church with the child, and Tuesday I took him to the woods, going back that night. I told them that they would have to do something right away, or I was going to leave the thing right away.

"On Wednesday night we took the child back into the woods. I told them that if they did not do something right away I would leave them with the child. Next morning Blake came where I was with some men and told me he had men who would give $2,500. I told him he was foolish. My object was to get Blake away. I told him to get out and let the child go. Arrangements were made that the men should go back to their carriage and get the money and then we would take the child to them. Blake turned to me and said he did not think they had the money. I said, 'Certainly not; I am going to run.' I dropped the child and ran off through the bushes. The child followed me, screaming, and Blake ran along with me.

"I knew nothing of this man's character. He had been a friend to me, and, according to my code, I had to stick to him. Probably I did wrong, and now I must take my punishment."

Warner was exceedingly nervous while he was delivering his story, and at its conclusion the district attorney stated the case briefly to the court and said that he believed in the main what Warner had said, but he did not think that justice could be done unless the full sentence prescribed by law was meted out.

Accused of Perjury, He Suicides.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 24.—John J Burns, who was sent to prison in default of $3,000 bail for trial on a charge of perjury, committed suicide by hanging in his cell. Burns recently entered security for a man arrested for illegal voting. This man when released fled from the city, and when the bond furnished by Burns was declared forfeited it was found that Burns had falsely sworn to the ownership of the property which had been accepted as security, and his arrest for perjury followed.

William Wernz Gains Freedom.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 24.- The case of William F. Wernz, president of the Guarantee Loan and Mortgage company, who was recently arrested on the charge of embezzling $17,000 from the proceeds of the sale of stock of the Columbia Aluminium company was discharged by Judge Murphy. The prosecution failed to introduce any evidence whatever showing the guilt of Mr Wernz in his transactions with the Columbia Aluminium company.

To Make Inscriptions on Metal.

NEWARK N. J., Dec. 24 John Boynes of Stamford Conn., has filed papers for the incorporation of a Permanent Records company. The capital stock is placed at $200,000 all of which is stated to have been paid in. The principal office will be in East Orange, N. J. The object of this company is to produce reproduce and sell inscriptions made on metal, stone and other material by means of a patent process.

Explosion and Panic at a Fire.

CHICAGO, Dec 24.—A terrific explosion, supposedly of liquor, occurred at a fire in a basement cafe. Twenty-three people were injured, one seriously. The explosion caused a pane in the street, and many were knocked down and trampled on in the rush for safety. The fire spread rapidly throughout the building in which the cafe was located, and fully $125,000 damage was done.

Says Persecution Is Killing Her.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24. Commander Ballington Booth declares the serious illness of his wife who is under treatment in the Presbyterian hospital, is the result of persecution by members of the Salvation Army. Mrs Booth is suffering from an affection of the heart. She is in a dangerous condition, and a difficult operation may have to be performed.

Famous Ale Brewer Dead.

WAUKEGAN, Ills., Dec. 24.—William Besley, the famous brewer of ale and porter, died here as the result of a fracture of the hip caused by a fall about a month ago. Mr. Besley was 90 years old and a native of Berkshire, England.

FROM THE FAR EAST

Advices Report Russian Spies In Japanese Army.

CHINESE PRESS ON THE SITUATION.

The Newspapers of Berlin Interested In the Attitude Likely to Be Assumed by Great Britain In the Oriental Imbroglio.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 24.—From oriental advices it is learned that in commenting on the strained relations between Japan and Russia over Korea the Chinese papers report that the Japanese army is full of Russian spies disguised as Japanese and that the Russian army is being flooded with Japanese emissaries, who are doing all they can to stir up disaffection in its ranks.

Commenting upon Kiao Chau affairs, The Asahi says that the action of the Germans in having suddenly seized Kiao Chau on the pretext of the murder of missionaries is outrageous, and that it disturbs the peace of the far east admits of no discussion. Japan, being near the scene of the trouble, cannot regard the matter lightly. Sooner or later a line of policy to be pursued toward the affair must be decided. The foreign office has, therefore, given instructions to the Japanese ministers in various foreign countries to make reports concerning the matter.

"Japan is indebted to Germany in many ways," says the Chugai Shogyo. "Her military organization has been copied after Germany, and her constitution and local legislation are founded on the German system. Besides, in framing the laws and adopting medical science, etc., Japan owes a debt of gratitude to Germany. Lastly, Germany has now shown Japan another instance of her kindness. That is the seizure of Kiao Chau bay. We need not dwell upon the particulars of her kindness here, but the seizure of Kiao Chau may give Japan the right of a permanent possession of Wei Hai Wei."

According to the official census, just completed, the population of Japan in the year 1896 was 42,761,029, an increase of 437,644 over that of the preceding year.

England's and America's Attitude.

BERLIN, Dec. 24.—The press is evidently deeply interested as to the attitude Great Britain and the United States are likely to adopt in the Chinese affair. Every effort is being made to create ill feeling against England and to represent her as isolated.

The official newspapers pretend that Japan has acquiesced in the German and Russian moves and will take no aggressive action. Everything indicates the anxiety that hinges upon the ultimate grouping of the powers. Japan's action in withdrawing her protest with reference to the course of the United States at Hawaii is interpreted as showing a desire to be unincumbered abroad and to have her hands free to deal with the Chinese question.

The Berliner Tageblatt ridicules the idea of an Anglo-Japanese-American alliance, yet seems to fear it. The Kolnische Zeitung thinks America will side with Russia.

Will England Confer With Russia?

LONDON, Dec. 24.—A dispatch to The Daily Chronicle from Rome says it is rumored there that, owing to her obligations to Germany, Italy has declined England's proposal for common action in the far east, including a joint occupation of Chusan. According to the same dispatch, it is asserted that England has proposed to Russia a conference on the Chinese question, with a view of avoiding dangerous rivalries.

The Shanghai correspondent of The Daily Mail says: "The Chinese government is helpless It is mobilizing a few troops under the least incapable generals who conducted the campaign against Japan The British fleet at present is at sea."

Woman Marries Woman For Accident.

NEW BEDFORD, Mass., Dec. 24.—A superior court jury has awarded Mrs Annie A. Adams of Fitchburg $5,458 against Mrs. Caroline T. Swift of this city. The suit grew out of a carriage accident in 1894 at New London, N. H. During a coaching parade Mr. and Mrs. Adams, who were on their bridal tour, were run into by a carriage driven by Mrs. Swift and the jury found that the latter was careless.

Money For Boston Jews.

BOSTON, Dec. 24. Mrs J. H. Hecht, prominent in local Hebrew woman societies who has just returned from Europe, announces that the Baroness Hirsch gave her 40,000 francs to be devoted to charitable work among the Hebrews here. Baroness William de Rothschild also contributed a sum of money for the same work.

Charged With Wife Murder.

BOSTON, Dec. 24. Francis McLaughlin was arraigned before Judge Bishop in the superior court on an indictment charging him with the murder of his wife Margaret by shooting on Nov. 15 last at their home in South Boston. He pleaded not guilty and was held without bail. The court will assign counsel to defend him.

A Divine May Be Minister to Liberia.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Representative White of North Carolina had an interview with the president yesterday with reference to the appointment of a minister to Liberia and, it is said, obtained the president's promise to nominate the Rev. Owen L. W. Smith of North Carolina, one of Representative White's constituents.

Mother Shot by Son.

NORWICH, Conn., Dec. 24.—Mrs. Mary Pouch, aged 55 years, was fatally shot at her home in Bozrahville, six miles north of here by her son, James Pouch. The son says the shooting was accidental.

Stricken Like Judge Daniels.

COSHOCTON, O., Dec 24. Judge Julius C. Pomerine of the fifth judicial circuit of Ohio was stricken with paralysis at his home here and died a few hours later. His age was 62 years.

Dropped Dead In a Railway Station.

HARRISBURG, Pa., Dec. 24.—Mrs. Jane Banks of Washington dropped dead in Union station here last evening. She was on her way to Mifflin, Pa., with her niece.

Fresh COTTOLENE

is indispensable to good cooking. Like lard, butter, or any other cooking fat, Cottolene will, in time, and under certain conditions, become stale and rancid, and when so it will not give perfect satisfaction. On the other hand, fresh Cottolene

Always Pleases

if used according to directions. Should your grocer sell you Cottolene that is not fresh, send it back, just as you would rancid butter. Insist on fresh Cottolene, and you will be satisfied.

The genuine is sold everywhere in one to ten pound yellow tins, with our trade-marks—"*Cottolene*" and *steer's head in cotton-plant wreath*—on every tin. Not guaranteed if sold in any other way.

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TOMPKINS' NEW DRY GOODS STORE,

Nos 6-8 East Main Street, Middletown.

From Now Until Christmas Day, Grand Sale of Toys and Holiday Gifts for All.

Our store in its Holiday Dress is like a glimpse of Faryland. Magnificent display and tempting novelties attract the eye of the visitor. Holiday gifts are grouped in rich assortments all over the place, with immense assortments of stock, extra salespeople, everything to make holiday shopping with us a comfort as well as an economy, has been done. We point with pride to our splendid selections of goods suitable for Holiday Gifts for young and old, and to the alluring low prices at which we are able to sell them.

DOLLS.

A Beauty Show—

Our Doll Exhibit is incomparably superior to any expectation you may have formed from what you see elsewhere.

Dressed Dolls and Dolls to Dress

of all nativities and complexions. No description can do them justice. All should come and see them. Note these prices, much lower than elsewhere. Here are a few price hints:

500 China Dolls Each 3c.

12c China Dolls each 7c., 25c Dressed Dolls each 15c., 50c Kid Body Dolls, bisque head and flowing hair, each 25c.; 50c Dressed Dolls each 35c., $1 Dressed Dolls and Kid Body Dolls each 75c.

One Thing

We want to say here. While we have a reasonably large quantity of everything advertised here, we nor guarantee every lot to last until Christmas. The early comer will find everything advertised here.

TOYS.

The Most Substantial Toys for Children

are those made of Malleable Iron. At Tompkins' you will buy them much lower than elsewhere—Toy Scales 10 and 19c., worth 15 to 25c. Tin Stoves, with furniture, 5 and 10c., worth 10 and 15c. Tin Kitchen, with furniture, 10 and 18c Iron Wagon and Horse, value 39c, at 25c. Fire Engine, Horse and Driver value 35c., at 19c. Big Iron Slate Banks 25 and 45c. Iron Ranges 25 and 45c. A few very large ones $1.50. Big Iron Wagons 19c. Iron Passenger Trains, 10c size, 25c. Iron Surrey, with horse 25c. Iron Coal Carts, with driver, 19c. Iron Coal Carts 10c. Big Hook and Ladder or Fire Engine, with horses and fireman, a regular $1.50 toy, at 85c.

Other Toys.

Doll Cradles, large ones, 10, 15, 25c. Black bonnets 25, 35c; with changeable figures 75c. Tool chests 35, 50c and higher. Wooden Hay Carts, with handles, 10c. Boys' Coasting Sleighs 10 and 25c. Toy Wheelbarrows 10c. Doll Swings 18c. Nine Pins, per set, 19, 35 65c Babies' Rattles, Boys' Tops, Trumpets, Childs' Sets, consisting of knife, fork and spoon, 10 and 15c a set. Shoo Fly Baby's Rocking Horses, the kind that cannot fall over, 75c. Card Games of all kinds 5 and 10c. China Tea Sets, nicely decorated and put up in strong box, 25c. Drums, the flat, tall, wood or brass, all prices. Toy Pianos in every style.

How Beautiful the Store Looks in Its Holiday Attire.

Every section trimmed up to look its prettiest. Everywhere you chance to glance something new. A stroll through the store will prove an hour's enjoyable entertainment.

A Great Handkerchief Sale.

It was said of a great physician, by one of his patients: "He always attends to my case as if he had only one case to think of." We aim to sell Handkerchiefs as if we sold nothing else, and we don't know of another handkerchief store in Middletown like this one. In holiday time Handkerchiefs prevade the whole store at prices astonishing low.

At 3c Each,

200 dozen colored border, hem stitched Handkerchiefs.

At 5c Each,

Embroidered, plain hem stitched and lace edge Handkerchiefs.

At 10c Each.

Fine plain white, hem stitched beautiful Swiss embroidered and men's or ladies' initial Handkerchiefs.

At 12½c Each,

Ladies' elegant fine Swiss embroidered, men's imitation silk, initialed Handkerchiefs.

At 15c Each,

Ladies' fine initialed hem stitched Handkerchiefs, ladies' silk, hem stitched Handkerchiefs, ladies' fine Swiss embroidered Handkerchiefs.

At 25c Each.

Ladies' very fine embroidered Handkerchiefs, worth 35c.

At 49c Each,

Ladies' all linen beautiful embroidered Handkerchiefs, men's silk initialed Handkerchiefs, beautiful goods and worth 75c each.

Christmas Gloves.

You've heard of the old lady who knit mittens and said she lost on every pair. How could she do it? Couldn't, she said, only that she sold so many. That's not far from true with our Christmas Gloves.

Child's Kid Mittens,

Nicely lined, fur tops, 50c a pair.

Ladies' Fine Kid Gloves

or Mittens, lined, fur tops, $1 a pair.

Ladies' Fine Silk Mittens

$1.00.

Holiday Umbrellas.

A most suitable Christmas present. Nowhere can you buy them at these prices Umbrellas with fancy Congo, Wexel Celluloid and Dresden handles $1 50, $1 98, $2.50 and $3 98 each.

Silks and Dress Goods.

A standard holiday gift for ladies. The one thing that you cannot make a mistake on, for there isn't a woman in the land who would not appreciate a handsome new dress. Tompkins' Silk and Dress Goods Department is resplendent with beautiful goods, and the prices throughout are very much lower than goods of equal excellence can be bought elsewhere.

Ladies' Fine Jackets.

It is usual to wait until after the holidays to mark down prices of Jackets. Every jacket we have must be sold this season, so we have made after-season prices right now. If you need a jacket yourself or think of making a Christmas present of one, you will get it at Tompkins' at the usual after holiday price now. This extraordinary lot of jackets consists in part of the following fine goods.

Double Breasted Fly Front Coats

of rich curly Boucle, fastened high at neck, rolling storm collar, tailor back, half lined with silk serge Ladies' fine imported Black Kersey Cloth Jackets, all satin lined, strapped seams, fly or high buttoned fronts, new style storm collar, all sizes 32 to 44.

Misses' Reefer Jackets.

Several styles nicely made with wide sailor collars.

Holiday Books.

One lot Cloth Bound Books, many different titles, at 10c each ANOTHER LOT CLOTH BOUND BOOKS, 25c elsewhere, at Tompkins' 15c each.

Cups and Saucers.

We made a lucky purchase of a lot of Cups and Saucers, all fine goods, nicely decorated. Monday we start to sell these goods at half regular price Worth 20c at 10c., worth 30c at 15c., worth 50c at 25c. Fine Gilt Plates 10c each.

Table Covers and Curtains.

A Table Cover is like your hat, or nose or front door, it is the prominent feature that dominates the surroundings. These make useful Christmas presents.

Chenille Table Covers

75, 98c and $1.25 each.

Fine Damask Linen Table Covers

Figured, $1, $1.50 and $1.75, according to size.

Chenille Portiere Curtains

$1.98 and $2.98 per pair.

Blankets.

Continuation sale of the largest and most attractive Blanket stock in this city. Entire stock direct from the mills, no intermediate costs or profits We start at 35c a pair for a fair article, this lot is slightly imperfect; then 75c, and offer at 98c a blanket that has positively not been equalled for less that $1.25. $2 Blanket for $1 50 $2.50 Blanket for $1 98 $3 Blanket at $2.25, $3 75 Blanket at $2 98, 10¼ Blanket, strictly all wool warp and filling, finished both sides, $3 98 a pair

Fine California Wool Blankets

$4.98, $6.50 and $7.75 a pair.

REMEMBER THE LOCATION,

Nos. 6-8 EAST MAIN STREET.

X-Mas Presents FREE To the Public TRADING STAMPS.

They are a cash discount given by enterprising merchants that want your trade. ALWAYS ASK FOR THEM. We have stores in all the leading cities of the country. Our stamps are interchangeable, and will be redeemed at any of our stores. They are good everywhere. We are the originators of the Trading Stamps, and have over $500,000 invested.

ARE HERE TO STAY.

Not for one year, but for many. If you have a grain of common sense you will get your Christmas Presents for nothing. The following have already received their presents absolutely free

Mrs. I. C. Humphrey, Woodlawn avenue, Solid Oak Upholstered Rocker.
Mrs. E. H. Russell, Oriental Hotel, Onyx Table.
Mrs. Brennan, No. 3 Lyon street, Solid Oak Upholstered Rocker.
Mr. L. L. Purdy, Holding House, Three Solid Oak Dining Chairs.
Mr. A. H. Johnson, Accordion.
Mrs. Dugan, 31 Beattie avenue, Three Solid Oak Dining Chairs.
Mrs J. Rodman, Arlington Hotel, Fine Upholstered Rocker.
Mrs. E. Madden, 25 Highland avenue, Fine Upholstered Rocker.
Mrs. B. S. Dayton, 15 Hanford street, Camera.
Charles L Purdy, Banjo.
Mrs B. C. Woodward, 26 Highland avenue, Solid Oak Upholstered Rocker.
Mrs. J. F. Bennett, Bloomingburgh, 1 Onyx Table.
Mrs. Chas. Tyrell, 36 Smith St., ½ doz. each of Rogers' Silver Plated Knives and Forks.
Mr. Biddle, 82 East Main street, Mandolin.
Mrs. Flood, 22 Union street, Banquet Lamp.
Mrs. Doremus, 19 Mulberry street, Banquet Lamp.
Mrs. R E. Hulse, 112 Fulton street, Three Dining Chairs.
F. G Colville, 7 East avenue, Camera.
Everybody invited to call and see the Holiday Goods. NO GOODS SOLD.

Middletown Trading Stamp Co., No. 5 North Street.

MIDDLETOWN TIME TABLES.

Erie Railroad Co.

Trains leave from Middletown Stations, beginning Nov. 28, 1897, and continuing until further notice, as follows:

Trains marked with * run daily. Trains Nos. 601, 625, 606, 617, 690 and run Sundays only. All other trains daily except Sunday. †Train Nos. 1 & 8 will stop only for passengers for Binghamton or west thereof—due notification must be given at the ticket office. Trains with the following letters affixed indicate connection, viz.: "G" with Newburg Branch via Greycourt; "T" with Newburg Short-cut Branch via Turners; "A" with Newburgh short cut via Arden "M" with Montgomery Branch, and "P" with Pine Island Branch.

GOING EAST.

Nos	James St. Sta.	Main St. Sta
* 12 Chicago Ex.	4.49 a.m.	
* 10 New York Special	6.01 "	
26 Middletown Way	6.30 "	....6.75 a.m
14 Orange Co. Ex., G. M.	7.10 "	....7.12 "
28 Mountain Ex., T.	8.23 "	... 8.25 "
38 Del. Val. Ex. (M. P. G.)	10.43 "	
* 6 W. Mail, (G. 'exc'pt Su)	12.55 p.m.	...12.57 p.m
30 Way, A. M. P. G.	4.10 "	...4.12 "
* 2 C. & G. T. Ex. "A"	5.00 "	
* 8 C. & St. L. Limited,	5.55 "	
22 P. J. Local T.	7.26 "	...7.28
* 14 Wells Fargo Express,	10 40 "	
606 P. J. Local (Sun only) M. P. and G. T.	8.23 a.m.	
620 P. J. Local (Su only) "G"	5.08 p.m.	
18 Milk (Sunday only)	6.55 p.m.	

GOING WEST

Nos.	James St. Sta.	Main St. Sta
* 17 Milk	6.47 a.m.	
27 Port Jervis Way	10.36 "	....10.38 a.m
* 1 Day Express	†10.56 "	
9 Corning Express	11.25 "	
11 Port Jervis Local	1.04 p.m.	.... 1.01 p.m
33 Port Jervis Exp.	3.40 "	.... 3.37 "
†* 5 C. & St. L. Exp.	4.16 "	
37 Mountain Exp.	5.42 "	.... 5.33 "
16 Orange Co. Exp.	6.46 "	.... 6.41 "
35 Middletown Way ar.	8.05 "	.... 8.08 "
* 7 C. & G. T. Exp.	9.34 "	
29 Way	9.13 "	
* 3 Chicago Exp.	11.12 "	
601 Sunday Local	10 55 a.m.	
625 P. J. Way (Sun only)	3.05 p.m	
617 " " "	10 29 "	

Passenger trains for Middletown leave foot of Chamber street, New York, at *4.00, 7.45, 9.15, 10.30 a.m.; 1.00, 3.30, 4.20, 5.30, 6.30, *7.20, *8.45 p.m. Also additional Sunday trains at 7.45, a.m. 12.30 and 7.30 p.m.

Crawford Branch.

GOING NORTH.

No	Leave for	James St. Sta.	Main St. Sta
101	Pine Bush Mail	11 35 a.m.	.....11.40 a.m
*125	" " "	.....	.....6.55 p.m
601	Sun. only	11 09	.....11.10 a.m

COMING SOUTH

*123	Arrive from Pine Bush	.....5.15 a.m
*130	" " "	.....5.40 pm

N. Y., O. & W. R. R.

NORTH.

Trains leave Wickham avenue depot, Middletown as follows:

No.	9 First Milk	7.45 a m
No.	11 Second Milk	8.45 a m
No.	1 Ontario Express	10.55 a m
No.	7 Sullivan County Express	5.15 p m
No.	5 Pacific Express	8 45 p m
No.	21 Local	11.09 a m

SOUTH.

Trains leave Wickham avenue depot for New York as follows:

No.	8 Mountain Express	5.10 a m
No.	22 Local	2.30 p m
No.	2 New York Express	4.30 p m
No.	12 First Milk	6.20 p m
No.	10 Second Milk	7.35 p m
No.	6 Atlantic Express	9.43 p m

Trains leave New York at 8.15 and 7.40 a. m., 2.00 and 6.00 p. m.

J. C. ANDERSON, Pass. Agt.

Your Watch Needs Cleaning!

We have no doubt it does. Nine out of every ten Watches that fail to give their owners satisfaction need cleaning and oiling. Sometimes the owner neglects it too long and the result is worn pivots and general debility on the part of the watch.

A GOOD WATCH IS THE CHEAPEST in the LONG RUN,

and if it is carefully cleaned and oiled once a year, it will last a lifetime, yes, a hundred years. Such a watch is a source of satisfaction to its owner. He can meet an engagement or catch a train and never have to excuse himself with—my Watch must be slow.

Watches Examined, Regulated and Set Free of Charge.

Visitors are always welcome.

CHAS. J. GIERING, JEWELER,

NO. 7 NORTH ST., MIDDLETOWN

For Sale!

40 ORANGE CO. FARMS.

All sizes and prices, and in various sections of the county. Some very decided bargains, and some of the best farms in the county. Free descriptive catalogues on application at office or by mail. Owners anxious to sell always employ a broker, hence you are more likely to secure a bargain at my agency; anyway you have a large list to select from, and should you want a Home and Lot or other property in the beautiful and thrifty city of Middletown, at a genuine bargain, apply at my office. Correspondence solicited.

A. V. BOAK,

Real Estate Broker, 35 North St.

INSURANCE

in old, strong companies against both fire and

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resulting from fire.

A. B. WILBUR

FOR SALE.

The property of B. F. Todd, 54 East avenue. Dwelling contains 13 rooms, with all modern improvements, including steam heat. Good barn and carriage house. Large yard and abundance of fruit. Easy terms.

GARDNER & McWILLIAMS,

25 North St., Lipfeld Building

"POTTY."

C. H. Worcester Repairs Everything

Bicycles, Sewing Machines, Lawn Mowers, Guns, Umbrellas, Boilers, Steam, Water and Gas Engines, Pumps, Sharpens Scissors, Knives, Razors, Saws, etc., EVERYTHING.

No. 24 West Main street, in basement, next to I. C. Runyon & Son's grocery. dTu.Th.Sat&wtf

WANTED

Pair Good Oxen in exchange pair farm horses. Address particulars, at once. G. F. HARDING, Wurtsboro

A Handsome Co... is one of the greatest charms a woman can possess. POZZONI'S COMPLEXION POWDER gives it.

Casino Theatre

X-Mas Night, Saturday, Dec. 25th.

Gotthold's Gigantic Gathering

OF

CAREFULLY CHOSEN CELEBRITIES

OF

High Class Vaudeville Stars.

Casino Theatre

Monday Ev'ng Dec. 27th.

The Society Event — America's Representative Prima Donna Comedienne,

DOROTHY MORTON

and her own company in the delightful musical comedy,

Miss Brevity

OF

Hong Kong.

NEW and Beautiful Scenery and Elegant Costumes and Catchy Music.

Casino Theatre

New Year's Eve, Friday, Dec. 31.

GEO. LEA'S SECOND ANNUAL MASQUERADE BALL!

Will Take Place on the Above Night.

This ball will eclipse anything of the kind ever attempted in Orange county.

$100 IN PRESENTS WILL BE GIVEN AWAY. READ THEM.

To the Lady Wearing the Finest Costume, a Handsome Dress Pattern To be seen in the store window of Geo B Adams & Co, North street

To the Gentleman Wearing the Most Elaborate Costume, a Celluloid Necktie Box. To be seen in the window of Tuthill's Pharmacy, on James St.

To the Lady Wearing the Most Grotesque Costume, a Pair of Newport Patent Leather Slippers. To be seen in A. Sampsle' shoe store, 11 North St.

To the Best Lady Waltzer, a Lady's Hat. To be seen in L. Stern's window, on North street.

To the Homeliest Lady, a Parlor Lamp. To be seen in the window of Crawford's furniture store, on North street.

To the Prettiest Girl, a Bottle of Perfumery To be seen in the window of McMonagle & Rogers, on North street.

To the Youngest Widow, an Elegant Tea Gown. To be seen in Max Katzinger's window, Franklin Square.

To the Thinnest Man, an Immense Cake. To be seen in Iseman & Son's Bakery, on James street.

To the Gentleman Wearing the Most Grotesque Costume, an Easy Chair. To be seen in the window of France & Hathaway's furniture store, on East Main street.

To the Best Gentleman Waltzer, a Pair of Handsome Slippers. To be seen in the window of Frank W. VanSickle's shoe store, 58 North St.

To the Homeliest Man, a Box of Cigars. To be seen in the window of Mills' Cigar Store, on North street.

To the Person Selling the Most Tickets before the night of the ball, a Ten Dollar Gold Piece. To be seen in H. S. Dusenberry & Son's window on North street.

All the above presents can be seen in the different store windows advertised until 8 p. m. of the night of December 31st.

A SPECIAL ORCHESTRA, with the newest music, has been engaged for the occasion, including some of the members of the WEST POINT BAND. Admission Prices:

Gents' Tickets 50c. Ladies' Tickets 25c. Spectators in the Balcony 25c.

Notice—Tickets purchased any time in advance of 8 o'clock, Thursday night, Dec. 30th, will entitled to a Ladies' Ticket Free. Advance now on sale at H. S. Dusenberry & Son's store.

...some Complexion
...greatest charms a woman can
...SONI'S COMPLEXION POWDER

HAD A LARGE FAMILY.

An Ulster County Man Who Had Five Wives and Thirty-two Children.

The foreclosure of a mortgage on some realty once belonging to the late Morgan A. Dayton, of Milton, Ulster county, recalls the interesting fact that the deceased, who died in 1891, was the husband of five women and the father of thirty-two children. It is said that his direct descendants would now make a village larger than Milton in population.

Really, this recalls patriarchal times, and had Mr. Dayton possessed all his wives at the same time, the resemblance would be still more striking, though a family of that size would not have been a distinguishing characteristic in those good old days.

EXPLOSION AT THE HIGH SCHOOL

Occurred in the Chemical Laboratory—Scientific Explanations of the Boys.

A box of specimens exploded in the chemical laboratory at the High School about 3 o'clock, yesterday afternoon. Several boys who were working in the room at the time were properly scared and the box in which the explosion occurred was destroyed with all its contents. Some boys ascribe the explosion to the effect of burnt matches, while others hint at acids. The teachers explanation hasn't yet been made public.

Free Methodists to Build a Church at Walton.

The Free Methodists of Walton have organized a church with about a dozen members. George Brazee has donated a building lot on which it is proposed to build a plain but comfortable church edifice 24x36 feet.

The discipline of the church will not permit the use of tobacco or spirituous liquors and also objects to a member belonging to a secret society, and a member must also conform to the ways of the church in regard to dress and manners at church.

An Electric Railroad Projected in Delaware County.

The Delhi *Gazette* says that the rights of way have nearly all been secured for a trolley road from that village to Andes with a branch to Bovina Centre. The articles of incorporation have been prepared, the company being known as "The Delaware Valley Railroad Company."

His Hand in Contact With a Buzz Saw

While Oliver Osterhout was sawing slabs in the mill of the Roscoe Manufacturing Company, Wednesday, his right hand slipped on a piece of icy wood and came in contact with the saw. The forefinger was cut entirely off and all the others were nearly severed. Dr. Miller hopes to save two of the fingers and the thumb, which is but slightly injured.

Cut in the Eye by a Flying Knife Blade

Hathaway Gorsline, an employe of the Walden Knife Company, was grinding knife blades on an emery wheel, Monday morning, when one of them caught on the wheel and, flying upward, struck him in the corner of the eye, inflicting a wound that may cost him the sight of his eye.

The Orange County Brewery Roofing Job Finished.

J. H. Conkling, the Depot street tinsmith, has just completed the big job of putting a tin roof on all the buildings of the Orange County Brewery Co., on Lake avenue. It required 12,500 square feet of tin to cover the buildings.

Fine Stock Sold.

From the Warwick Advertiser.

Mrs. Servin sold four head of young stock from her herd of premium winning Dutch belted cattle this week to go to Glens Falls. They were beauties and attracted general attention going to the train.

New Postmasters Appointed.

Among the postmasters appointed Thursday were the following: George B. Alexander, at Campbell Hall, Orange county, J. M. Kiersted, at Mongaup Valley, and Lewis Rhodes, at Westbrookville, Sullivan county.

Busy Times for Blacksmiths.

The city streets and country roads are so slippery that a horse has to be sharp shod in order to travel with safety. The blacksmiths, as a consequence, are very busy and have been reaping a harvest this week.

Depreciation in Farm Values.

A farm near Portlandville, Otsego county, which brought $8,000 a number of years ago, was sold on Saturday of last week for $1,100.

Real Estate Sales.

—The farm occupied by Charles Coe, near Walden, was sold Monday afternoon. It was bought by Chas. Colman, the mortagee, for $5,500.

—The farm of Robert H. Simpson, near the Wantage Church, was purchased at sheriff's sale last Monday by Charles A. Wilson, of Deckertown, for $1,000.

—The Benjamin Beach farm, about a mile east of Newton, has been purchased by Mahlon Howell, brother of the late Seeley Howell, for $45 per acre. It is a good farm and in good shape.

Don't Tobacco Spit and Smoke Your Life Away.

If you want to quit tobacco using easily and forever, be made well, strong, magnetic, full of new life and vigor, take No-To-Bac, the wonder-worker, that makes weak men strong. Many gain ten pounds in ten days. Over 400,000 cured. Buy No-To-Bac of your druggist, under guarantee to cure, 50c or $1.00. Booklet and sample mailed free. Ad. Sterling Remedy Co., Chicago or New York.

OTISVILLE.

A Yuletide Wedding—Christmas Tree—Sunday School Children Entertained—Personal Notes—Sand for the Traction Company.

Correspondence of ARGUS and MERCURY.

—Alexander Mitchell and Miss Nellie Holly were united in marriage by Rev. R. J. Divsn, Thursday afternoon at the home of the bride. We extend congratulations

—Born—A daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Marcene Howe.

—The Christmas tree is ready at the Presbyterian Church and presents a very attractive appearance.

—The M. E. Sunday School scholars were entertained at Mrs. Dewitt's rooms, on Thursday evening. A supper, with candy and nuts, helped to make the children happy.

—Miss Beyea, after spending four months in Brooklyn, returned home, Tuesday, for an extended vacation.

—The Middletown-Goshen Traction Company, wanting some sandy sand to use on their tracks, recently ordered a carload from S. J. Boyd, owner of the Eureka sand bank, located near this village.

—Ernest Worthman arrived from Auburn, Monday evening, and will spend the holiday vacation with his sister, Mrs. Diven.

—Mr. and Mrs. Kaufmann have accepted an invitation from Miss Wright and will accompany her to her home in Centre Cambridge, N. Y., on Friday, for the holiday vacation.

BLOOMINGBURGH.

Pay Your Taxes—Sunday School's Christmas—Surprise Party—Shooting Match

Correspondence of ARGUS AND MERCURY.

—The tax collector, W. Godfroy, will be at this place Dec. 28 and Jan. 21.

—The Sunday School of the Reformed Church will hold its Christmas party, Friday evening, at the chapel. All scholars are requested to be present.

—Surprise parties are the rage now, there having been two in town, this week.

—We hear there is soon to be a new harness repair shop started in town.

—Geo. Tilford will hold a shooting match, Saturday afternoon. Plenty of live birds. Come all and have a good time.

SOUTH CENTREVILLE.

Bid the Honors to a Newly Wedded Pair.

Correspondence ARGUS and MERCURY.

—The marriage of James Harvey Goodale and Mrs. Emeline Robertson can hardly be said to have taken this village by surprise for Mr. Goodale's visits here have been commented on for some time. The wedding was not allowed to pass unnoticed, for some of the villagers did the honors with rice, horns, dinner bells and a drum in the proper style. And with an immense white bow pinned to the back of the carriage and the well wishes of all the pair started on their December matrimonial trip.

Holiday Train Service on the Erie.

On Christmas and New Year's the Erie announce their trains will be run on holiday schedule as follows: Train 15 and 16, (Orange County,) will run as usual in both directions, and train 38 east at 10:48 will run as usual as will No. 9 west at 11:25 a. m. All other trains will run on Sunday schedule except no train east at 8:23 a. m.

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OF LOCAL INTEREST.

Some People We Know and We Will Profit by Hearing About Them.

This is a purely local event.
It took place in Middletown.
Not in Buffalo or New York.
You are asked to investigate it.
Asked to believe a citizen's word.
To confirm a citizen's statement.
Any article that is endorsed at home,
That obtains resident advocates,
Is more worthy of confidence
Than a far-off foreign article
Testified by unknown people.

A. M. Ryerson, professional nurse, living at No. 7 Oak street, says:

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The Boy Phenomenon will remain in Middletown at the Russell House ten days only, where private reception and treatment rooms have been engaged where those who desire private consultation or treatment may obtain same by the consulting physician. Office hours 10 a. m. to 5 p. m., and 7 to 8 p. m.

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LEGAL NOTICES.

SUPREME Court, Orange county — Ida M. Koempel, plaintiff, against Daniel C. Herring and Susan M. Herring, his wife, defendants.

Under and by virtue of a judgment of foreclosure and sale, rendered in the above entitled action, at a Special Term of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, held at the Supreme Court Chambers, in the city of Newburgh, on the sixth day of November, 1897, and duly entered in the Orange County Clerk's office, I, the undersigned Referee, in and by said judgment for such purpose duly appointed, will expose for sale and sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the Russell House, a public hotel on James street, in the city of Middletown, Orange county, New York, on the 29th day of December, 1897, at two o'clock in the afternoon of that day, the lands and premises in and by said judgment directed to be sold, bounded and described as follows:

All that tract or parcel of land situate in the Town of Crawford, County of Orange, and State of New York, viz: Beginning at the corner in the line of the lands of the heirs of John Martin nine links on an east course, from a white maple tree marked; from thence runs along the lands of Lawrence Low, Milton Barkley and Milton Bookstaver to a corner in the line of the lands of James R. Thompson, north 45 degrees east forty-eight chains and eighty-eight links; thence along said Thompson's lands north forty-five degrees west eighteen chains and ten links to a stone set; thence south thirty seven degrees and thirty minutes west fourteen chains and forty links; thence south thirty-nine degrees and fifteen minutes west ten chains and sixty-four links; thence south forty-three degrees west five chains and seventy-four links to the centre of the public highway; thence along the centre of the same north forty-six degrees and thirty minutes west five chains and forty-eight links; thence south fifty-two degrees and thirty minutes west four chains and sixty-five links; thence south forty-nine degrees fifteen minutes west fourteen chains and two links to the lands of the heirs of John Martin; thence along the same south forty-six degrees east seventy-one chains and eighty links to the place of beginning; containing eighty-eight and 56-100 acres of land, being the same premises this day conveyed to the party of the first part hereto and these presents are given to secure a portion of the consideration expressed in the said conveyance.

Dated November 12th, 1897.

HERBERT B. ROYCE, Referee.

John C. R. Taylor Plaintiff's Attorney, Rooms 5 and 6 Low Building, Middletown, New York. 95d Fri to Dec24

THE People of the State of New York to all persons interested in the estate of John B. Leemon and Robert J. Leemon, assigned to Robert Lemon for the benefit of creditors, send greeting:

You and each of you are hereby cited and required personally to be and appear at a term of the County Court of the County of Orange to be held at the Court House in the village of Goshen, Orange county, N. Y., on the 15th day of January, 1898, at ten o'clock a. m., there and then to show cause why a final settlement of the accounts of Robert Lemon, assignee of the above named John B. Leemon and Robert J. Leemon, insolvent debtors, should not be had, and if no cause be shown, then to attend the final settlement of the assignee's accounts.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto caused the seal of the said court to be affixed. Witness, Hon. John J. Beattie, [L.S.] County Judge of Orange county, this 16th day of December 1897.

W. G. TAGGART, Clerk.

M. J. DONOVAN, Attorney for Assignee, Low Building, Middletown, N. Y. dFri.Jan14

Reduction in Prices

OF

Gas and Electric Light

The following prices take effect on business commencing February 1st, 1898:

GAS RATES.

Under 500 feet, per month	$2 25 per M
500 to 10,000 feet, per month	2 00 per M
10,000 to 20,000 feet, per month	1 90 per M
Over 20,000 feet, per month	1 80 per M

Five per cent. discount from above prices if bills are paid on or before the 15th.

Meter rent charged on all bills of less than $1 per month, net.

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85 hundredths of cent per ampere hour.
13 cents per 1 000 watts.
Minimum bill 50 cents per month.
Small consumers using the equivalent of 2 16 candle power lamps or under, by contract, according to service.
Bills rendered the first of each month, payable on or before the 15th, after which date 5 per cent. additional will be charged.
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Middletown Gas and Electric Light Co.

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Pineapples, Fancy Table Raisins, Figs, Dates, Prunes, Cape Cod Cranberries, Vineland Sweet Potatoes, Florida Oranges, Cucumbers, Mandarin Kid Glove Oranges, Fancy Table Oil, Olives, Plum Pudding, Boston Head Lettuce, Edam and Pineapple Cheese, Choice Teas and Coffees, Fancy Table Butter etc.

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Bull & Youngblood.

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Orange Co. Trust and Safe Deposit Co.

Deposits made with this company between January 1st and 10th draw interest from the 1st, otherwise interest begins on date of deposit. Pass books will have accrued interest entered upon presentation after Jan. 15th.

25dtoJan15 G. SPENCER COWLEY, Secretary.

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MIDDLETOWN Savings Bank—Money deposited on or before the 10th days of January and July, and the 3d days of April and October, will draw interest from the 1st.

CHARLES J. EVERSON, successor to William W. Reeve, Surveyor and Civil Engineer, office No. 5 King street, Middletown.

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CLAIRVOYANT—PROF. W. H. SAGENDORF will return to Middletown, Dec. 28th, and remain one week at Wm. S. Roe's, 37 James street. 52d&wtf

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COLLECTOR'S NOTICE.

State and County Tax.

Notice is hereby given, as required by statute, to the taxable inhabitants of the city of Middletown, N. Y., that the undersigned Collector of Taxes, in and for said city, has received the warrant for the collection of State and County Taxes for the current year, and will attend at the City Clerk's office, Room No. 2, Times Building, corner of King and Center streets, on each working day of the week (Saturday afternoons and holidays excepted), for thirty days from Dec. 17th, 1897, until Jan. 22d, 1898, from 9 o'clock in the forenoon until 3 o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of receiving payment of said taxes.

E. M. HAMILTON Collector.

Dated Middletown, N. Y., Dec 16th, 1897.

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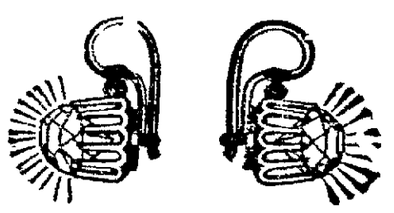

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WEATHER INDICATIONS.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 24.—Fair, to-night and Saturday.

THE TEMPERATURE.

The following was the registry of the thermometer at Pronk's drug store, to-day:

7 a. m., 8°; 12 m., 14°; 3 p. m., 21°.

AMUSEMENT NOTES.

—Dec. 22, 23, 24— . . . } Y. M. C. U. Fair.
—Dec. 25—Vaudeville Stars, at Casino.
—Dec. 27—"Miss Brevity of Hong Kong," at Casino.
—Dec. 27—"Santa Claus and Mother Goose" operetta, at Assembly Rooms.
—Dec. 28—Excelsior Social.
—Dec. 29—Ball of Ontario Hose Co., at Assembly Rooms.
—Dec. 31—Masquerade ball, at Casino, under Geo. Lea's management.
—Jan. 7—"Billy" Williams' benefit, at Casino.
—Jan. 21—Excelsior Social.
—Jan. 24 John Thomas Concert Co., Y. M. C. A., at Casino.

CHRISTMAS.

"Good will to men" was the refrain sung by the angelic choir to the awe-struck shepherds on Bethlehem's plain on that first Christmas eve, nearly nineteen centuries ago; and it is this spirit of good will to men that stirs in every heart at Christmas tide that has made Christmas what it is and always will be, the gladdest day of the year, the most universal of festivals, the festival of joy and hope, of the home and of the heart, the gift season of the year.

The modern Christmas is a curious blending of religious truth and pagan myths. About it clusters a wealth of tradition that is all its own, such as glorifies no other festal day. It has been celebrated in song and story until its religious character has been almost lost sight of, but, underlying every tradition, every song and every story of the day, is the one great central thought of forgetfulness of self in the blessedness of giving; and it requires no stretch of fancy to find the inspiration and occasion for this in the ever enduring though half-forgotten memory that Christmas commemorates the greatest gift the world has ever known—God's gift of His only Son to save a lost and sinful world.

Children have made Christmas a day that is essentially their own. For the coming of no other day do they watch so eagerly and wait for so impatiently. Stern moralists may seek to abolish Santa Claus, but they can never succeed so long as memories of their childhood's Christmases linger in the hearts of parents, and, thank God, there are no more enduring memories than those of merry Christmas. And so, just as long as children gladden homes, their parents will tell them the same old story of Santa Claus, the friend of all good children, and on each recurring Christmas eve, stockings will be hung by the chimney side, and with a faith that is almost pathetic in its absolute and simple trust,—the best illustration that the world affords of a faith that knows no doubt and a hope that knows no fear,—the little ones will sink to sleep to dream of the coming of good St. Nicholas, the patron saint of childhood. And when they rise on Christmas morn and find that some one, saint, or holier and more lovable still, father or mother, sister or brother, has filled the stockings and laid out the gifts their glad voices will echo anew the song that "the angels sang for joy" so many years ago.

It is possible for every one, even the most world-weary, to get a great deal out of Christmas if they do not shut their hearts against the glad spirit and gentle influences of the day. It tends to make humanity more akin, to broaden the sympathies, to draw more closely the bonds of kinship and of friendship, and to warm the heart toward those who are near and dear. Those keep Christmas best who have best learned the great lesson that the way to be happy is to make others happy. Therefore, let generous feelings have full play, be kind to children, family, friends; forget old enmities; renew old friendships; remember that charity is the greatest of all the christian virtues; "be merciful after thy power: if thou hast much, give plenteously: if thou hast little do thy diligence gladly to give of that little, for so gatherest thou thyself a good reward in the day of necessity."

Remember these things at this Christmas tide, and peace and comfort, joy, happiness and content will be your portion, and you will have made a reality of our heartiest wish for one and all—a very merry Christmas.

The commission appointed to revise New Jersey's election law has agreed to recommend the Australian ballot. No other changes of importance will be made.

COLDEST DAY OF THE SEASON.

First Real Touch of Winter—Below Zero in Northern New York.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—This has been the coldest day this winter. At 7 o'clock the temperature was 9 degrees, and a cold northwest wind was blowing at the rate of twenty-five miles an hour.

SARATOGA, Dec. 24.—The mercury in the Adirondack ranges from zero to 25° below.

CORRY, Pa., Dec. 24.—Snow is drifting at a terrific rate. Many reports show that snow is four feet deep.

ACETYLENE GAS EXPLOSION.

Two Men Killed and Four Hurt in a Series of Five Explosions.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

JERSEY CITY, Dec. 24.—Five explosions occurred this forenoon in the works of the U. S. Acetylene Liquifying Company, killing the engineer, Thomas Fowler, and Max Grim, and severely injuring Fred Burr, Fritz Epsol, Chas. White. James Leeb, who was working half a block away, was badly injured by a fragment of the boiler. Windows were broken a mile from the plant. The loss is $20,000.

FATAL RAILROAD ACCIDENT.

Drill Engine Ran Into Flat Cars and the Cylinder Head Exploded.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Communipaw, N. J., was the scene of a railroad accident, to-day, whereby Brakeman Haycock was scalded to death, Engineer Murtagh badly scalded and Fireman Higgins badly hurt. A drill engine ran into flat cars and a cylinder head exploded.

FOUR CHILDREN SUFFOCATED.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 24—Four children named Mabelski were suffocated by smoke at 17 Christian street, this morning. The house caught fire while the parents were absent.

FIRE IN A HOSPITAL.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

KINGSTON, Ont., Dec. 24.—Fire broke out in the Doran wing of General Hospital, this forenoon. A battery was ordered to assist the fire brigade. All the inmates were rescued.

WAGES TO BE REDUCED.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

LOWELL, Mass., Dec. 24—The Lowell cotton mills have decided to reduce wages after Jan. 17. This affects 15,000 operatives.

THAT HOLIDAY EXCURSION.

Rate Agreed on by the Erie and O. and W. Several Months Ago—O. and W. Advertisement Not Fair to the Erie.

We learn from inside railroad circles that at least two months ago, an arrangement was made between the Ontario and Western and Erie Railroads for running a holiday excursion to New York, the agreement being that one rate of fare was to be charged for the round trip from all points in New York State, which of course included Middletown.

In view of this, the Ontario and Western's advertisement that it had refrained from announcing the excursion until the Erie had taken the initiative in announcing the reduced rates is not exactly in accordance with the facts, nor was it just to the Erie for the Ontario and Western to advertise that it was meeting a rate that had been agreed on months before.

Pastor Howell Appeals.

MONTICELLO, N. Y., Dec. 24.—Rev. David T. Howell, rector of the Monticello Episcopal church, who was found guilty of assaulting his wife and sentenced to five days' imprisonment in jail, through his counsel has appealed from the decision to the county court. The case will come before Judge Smith at the February term. The appeal is made at the urgent request of a number of Mr. Howell's friends, it being claimed that some of the evidence admitted was incompetent.

Christmas Service at St. Joseph's.

Rev. Father McClancy will celebrate high mass at 5:30 a. m., at St. Joseph's, and at 7:30 a. m. at the convent.

Rev. Father O'Hanlon will celebrate high mass at 9 and 11 a. m.

To-day, from 3 p. m. to 6 p. m. and 7 to 10 p. m., Rev. Father O'Hanlon will hear confessions.

"My husband had two cancers taken from his face, and another was coming on his lip. He took two bottles of Burdock Blood Bitters and it disappeared. He is completely well."—Mrs. Wm. Kirby, Akron, Erie county, N. Y.

Just try a 10c. box of Cascarets, the finest liver and bowel regulator ever made.

BABY HUMORS

Instant relief for skin-tortured babies and rest for tired mothers in a warm bath with CUTICURA SOAP, and a single application of CUTICURA (ointment), the great skin cure. The only speedy and economical treatment for itching, burning, bleeding, scaly, and pimply humors of the skin, scalp, and blood.

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PHŒNIX ANNUAL BALL.

Large Crowd and a "Hot Time" at the Assembly Rooms.

The 38th annual ball of Phœnix Engine Company, No. 4, was held at the Assembly Rooms, Thursday night, and was attended by enough people to fill the hall, and make the affair a financial success. McWilliam's orchestra furnished the music.

Those in charge were:

Floor Manager—J. B. Wheeler.

Aides—Clem Atkins, J. C. Hallock, H. T. Eilenberger, C. C. Dunlap, W. D. Tallman.

Reception Committee—D. A. Taylor, H. E. Holly, E. S. Lorentz, G. E. Gillen, I. S. Clauson.

Committee of Arrangements—J. B. Wheeler, Chairman; J. J. Chambers, C. C. Dunlap, F. H. Eilenberger, Clem Atkins.

A Great Surprise is in Store for those who will go to-day and get a package of GRAIN-O. It takes the place of coffee at about one-fourth the cost. It is a food drink, full of health, and can be given to a child as well as the adult with great benefit. It is made of pure grains and looks and tastes like the finest grades of Mocha or Java coffee. It satisfies everyone. A cup of GRAIN-O is better for the system than a tonic, because its benefit is permanent. What coffee breaks down GRAIN-O builds up. Ask your grocer for GRAIN-O. 15 and 25 cents.

Headache bad? Get Miles' Pain Pills.

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE REPORT

JAS. P. TIGHE, Commission Broker, Stern Building, 16 North street, Middletown, N. Y. Stocks, Bonds, Grain and Provisions bought and sold for cash or carried on margin.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24, '97.

	Yesterday Close	To-day Close
Sugar	139⅝	141½
Tobacco	88¼	87⅝
Chicago Gas	97⅛	97¼
Nat. Lead	36	36⅜
General Electric	36⅝	38⅜
U. S. L., pref.	—	64
Tenn. Coal and Iron	24¾	25
A. T. & S. F.	—	13⅝
C. B. & Q.	99½	100⅜
C. M. & St. P.	93⅜	95¼
R. I.	90⅝	91½
D. L. & W.	—	—
C. of N. J.	97	97⅞
Erie	14⅝	15
D. and H.	—	113¾
O. & W.	16½	16½
Susquehanna & Western	—	—
Susquehanna & West., pref.	—	34½
P. & R.	23¼	23
N. W.	121⅝	121½
L. S.	—	—
N. Y. C.	107⅛	107⅜
M. P.	34¾	34⅞
Texas	—	—
C. P.	26⅝	26¾
W. Union	88⅝	90
L. & N.	56½	56⅝
Manhattan	108¾	109¼
P. M.	30¼	30
Wabash, pref.	—	18½
No. Pacific, pref.	58⅞	56⅞
W. L.	—	—
Southern R'y.	—	—
Southern, pref.	32⅝	32¾
May Wheat	93⅝	94¼
May Corn	29½	29⅝
May Oats	23	23¼
Jan. Pork	$8 72	$8 75
Jan. Lard	4 57	4 57

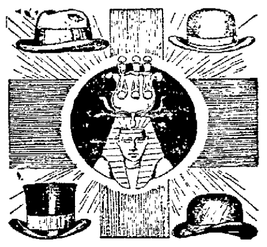
These Make Suitable Holiday Gifts!

Kid Gloves for ladies, misses, gents, lined and unlined. Handkerchiefs, all kinds, all prices. Umbrellas start at 75c stop at $5. Mackintoshes $5 and up. Silk Petticoats $7 to $12.75. Wool Blankets $4 to $8.50. Wool Dress Patterns, Plain and Fancy Silks, Furs, Linen Goods, Traveling Bags and Fancy Articles in great variety. Cloaks at cut prices.

CARSON & TOWNER,

No. 11 West Main Street. Telephone 166.

HOLIDAY ANNOUNCEMENT.



Our Holiday Hat is a beauty, Fur and Cloth Caps, all grades; Mittens and Gloves, all grades. Silk and cassimer Mufflers and Silk Handkerchiefs. Silk Umbrellas or a nice Mackintosh Coat, Underwear and Hosiery.

Ready-made Clothing Sale—We are selling it fast at the price we are offering it at. People know good goods. Now is your time to buy a Suit, Overcoat or Ulster Coat. We want the money and they must go.

MERCHANT TAILORING DEPARTMENT.

Is booming with orders. We still have a good selection of Foreign and Domestic Cloths and people appreciate good work and style at our prices. All are invited to call at

JOHN E. ADAMS,

Leading Hatter and Clothier, No. 41 North Street.

We Exhibit an Immense Variety OF HOLIDAY ARTICLES!

Suitable to almost every buyer

1,000 fancy things from 5c to 50c., which are really pretty and useful presents, not transient trash of wood and wool.

Celluloid articles for the toilet—Fine perfume cases, toilet cases, manicure sets, collar and cuff boxes, and hundreds of other pretty and useful things.

100 Mechanical Toys at exactly one half regular price.

100 dozen Handkerchiefs 5, 10, 12½, 15, 25c. 100 dozen initial handkerchiefs. The lowest prices ever asked for fine handkerchiefs.

Special prices for the holiday trade in plaids and dress patterns.

H. E. CHURCHILL & CO.,

No. 39 North Street.

Holiday Presents.

Save money and buy at

"The Hub" Shoe Store,

13 West Main Street.

Next to Carson & Towner's.

Slippers 50c and up.

Boys' Rubber Boots — Sizes 11 to 13½, $1.15; sizes 1 to 5, $1.50.

Men's Rubbers 45c.

ATTENTION!

Bear in mind before making your Christmas selections, that we have a complete line of

HOLIDAY GIFTS!

such as

Handkerchiefs,

in Swiss, Linen and Silk.

Silk Mufflers, Gents' Ties

in 4 in-Hands, Tecks, Bows and Strings.

Smith & Angell's Hosiery

in cotton and wool. Guaranteed not to crock off. We have them for either men, women or children

Pocketbooks of All Descriptions and a Nice Line of Silver Novelties.

We Give Trading Stamps.

J. D. HORTON, AGT.,

No. 27 West Main Street.

I. B. A. TAYLOR & CO.,

DEALERS IN ALL KINDS OF

COAL!

All our COAL is screened by the POCKET SYSTEM, thereby insuring to the consumer clean coal.

Taylor's Coal Yard,

NO. 80 WEST MAIN ST., CORNER MILL ST.

LAST CALL ON CHRISTMAS GIFTS.

Books! Nothing better for a Christmas gift. We have them for all ages and in all bindings.

Who is there that would not like an Eastman Kodak or Camera for a Christmas present?

Pocketbooks, Bill Books and Card Cases for ladies or gentlemen. We have the stock.

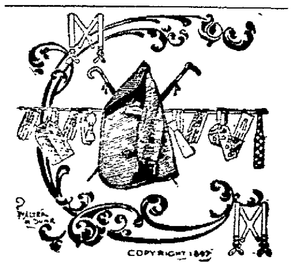
Photograph Albums are always in demand for gifts, and are always acceptable, too.

Traveling Sets, Necktie Cases, Shaving Sets and other things for the men folks.

Look through our stock. We have what will suit you and courteous people to show it to you.

Hanford & Horton,

No. 6 North St., Middletown.



A Christmas Display

of goods dear to the masculine heart we are displaying this week, for those who wish to please their male friends by gifts that will make them rise up and call you blessed.

Fine Umbrellas, Men's Driving and Street Gloves, Scarfs, Mufflers, Fine Suspenders, House Coats, Smoking Jackets, Ulsters, Overcoats, Horse Blankets and Robes.

GEO. W. YOUNG.

My last year's magazines that I had bound at McINTYRE'S BINDERY, 32 North St., Middletown, look fine and the price was all right.

AT STERN'S.

A Few Items Worth Mentioning.

Our Millinery Department is as near perfection as it can be made. The entire winter stock is all in—no need for ladies waiting for other styles. Endless variety of Ladies', Misses' and Children's Winter Cloaks. We are acknowledged leaders in these lines. Our assortment is too large and the space too mall to mention the different designs and prices. Come and see. Ladies' Shirt Waists in all prices. We have a fine Outing Flannel Waist at 48c. A Plaid Waist, latest cut, detachable collar and cuffs for 98c.—A beauty. Have sold over 25 dozen. Nice enough to wear to a ball. Over 200 Silk Waists in stock. Every style and quality represented from $2.49 up. No such assortment elsewhere. All at our Handsome Store. If you need a Separate Dress Skirt, remember we are headquarters.

L. STERN 13-15 NORTH ST.

Holiday Rush!

Our store is lively with a rush of buyers

Our prices must be right.

Our stock is the kind of presents appreciated most by men and boys.

Ours is the useful kind.

We have received, today, New Neckwear, Gloves, Mufflers, etc.

MORRIS B. WOLF

No. 10 North St., Mid[illegible]

It Has Seemed Like Old Times

IN

Our Warerooms for the Last Few Days.

We have actually been unable to give every one of our patrons the attention we would like, but we are not surprised, as we have just the goods the public want for Christmas presents, and the prices are not much more than half of former years. Novelties in Furniture, Crockery and Bric a-Brac on every hand. We set out this year with the determination to remove the necessity for any person going out of town to buy their X-mas presents. We can suit everybody from 1 cent to $100. Just think what a nice present a first-class Sewing Machine at $17.50 or a $75 Orange County Express Bicycle at $40 would make. Respectfully

C. Emmet Crawford,

44 AND 46 NORTH STREET.

Christmas Gifts, dainty and pleasing!

Fine Perfumery, Toilet Water, Cologne, etc., our own make in pretty bottles and boxes, all in good taste, all at moderate cost. Come and see for yourself

Our Italian Violet is the marvel of the day; who wouldn't be pleased with it? There's not much in a name, other perfumers use the name Italian Violet—but it is our Extract Italian Violet which alone creates a sensation among lovers of sweet scents. It is wholly different from any other—rivalling fresh Violets.

Or perhaps a real good hair brush would please you; these we have, firm hard bristles in solid backs—a perfect brush.

Or a box of Elegant Toilet Soap or—or—or—

McMonagle & Rogers, 30 North St. and 155 North St. (North Side Pharmacy).

Huyler's Candies for the holidays at

McMonagle & Rogers', 30 North St.

CHRISTMAS

you wish to make as many presents this year as last and can only afford half the amount of money to devote to them, call and see us, where you can buy all kinds of

FURNITURE and CROCKERY

at prices to suit your pocketbooks.

Handsome Rockers

of every description, for many of which we have the sole agency.

WRITING DESKS, MUSIC CABINETS, ODD PARLOR PIECES, STANDS, PICTURES, EASELS, SCREENS, WHITE ENAMELED GOODS, ELEGANT DINNER AND TEA SETS, FANCY CUPS AND SAUCERS, ETC., ETC.

LAMPS

that speak for themselves.

☞Goods can be selected any time and be delivered CHRISTMAS EVE. Be glad to have you come and see our stock, whether you purchase or not.

THE CHEAPEST PLACE IN THE CITY.

FRANCE & HATHAWAY,

EAST MAIN STREET

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

—Special meeting of Wallkill Council.
—"A Merry Christmas." Geo. B Adams & Co.
—Underwear sale at Hart Davis'. See adv.
—Sleighs for sale by Walter H. Anderson.
—Dyspepsia cured by Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets
—Health restored by Dr. Miles' Nervine.
—Calendars given with Fairy Soap.
—Piso's Cure for coughs and colds.
—Constipation cured by Cascarets.
—For backache, Doan's Pills.

LIVE LOCAL TOPICS.

—*Remember that the third page of this paper contains good local matter, to-day.*

—Merry Christmas!

—Bachelors' Christmas hop at the Assembly Rooms, to-night.

—The Erie House has been fitted up with electric indicators by Frank T. Smith.

—No paper will be issued from the ARGUS office, to-morrow, nor on Saturday, Jan 1st.

—The West Point Band will be on hand New Year's Eve to play for Lea's masquerade ball.

—On Holy Innocents' Day, Friday, Dec. 28th, Grace Church will be open for baptism at 4:30 p. m.

—Bold thieves have taken to stealing valuable robes and blankets from wagons tied in Newburgh streets.

—The board of officers of the fire department will hold a special meeting at Excelsior's rooms, at 7:30 to-night.

—The grand masquerade march at the Casino, on New Year's Eve, given by George Lea will take place promptly at 9 o'clock.

—Christmas operetta, "Santa Claus and Mother Goose," at the Assembly Rooms, Monday evening at 7:30. Admission fifteen cents.

—Remember tickets purchased any time in advance before Thursday, for Lea's masquerade ball will be entitled to a ladies' ticket free.

—Warwick's Board of Trade has secured subscriptions to a large part of the fund needed to secure the location of a silk mill in that village.

—Don't forget to purchase a ticket for Lea's masquarade ball before Thursday, if you intend going; by so doing you receive a ladies' ticket free.

—Elder H. C. Kerr, of Delmar, D.d., will preach at New Vernon next Sunday, at 10:30 a. m., and in this city, corner of Roberts and Cottage street, at 3 p. m.

—Delaware county's Supervisors have voted to make a contract for the board of vagrants at the Albany penitentiary, and justices will be expected to commit them to that institution.

—Andrew Bertholf received his mounted deer's head from Batcheller's to-day. The hoops are arranged about the head for coats and hats, and the tail forms a fitting windup of the taxidermist's work.

—A wedding party at Unadilla, the other day, was thrown into a state of great excitement and consternation by the non-arrival of the bridegroom. It turned out that he was detained by a jug of spirits.

—There is such pleasing variety in the entertainment given by the Alonzo-Hatch Musical Co. that all will enjoy it. At 2d Presbyterian Church, Monday evening. Admission 15 and 25 cents. Reserved seats 10 cents extra.

PERSONAL.

—Burt Hasbrouck is at home for the holidays.

—Charles Lennon returned from Washington, Thursday night.

—Miss Jennie Myers has returned from a visit at Stamford, Conn.

—Erskine Stevens, of Port Jervis, is visiting relatives in this city.

—Dr. and Mrs. A. W. Sweezy went to Asqury Park, to-day, to spend a week.

—Miss Maime C. Van Duzer went to Waverly, to-day, to spend the holidays.

—George Corwin and John Houston, of Chester, spent Thursday night in town.

—Miss Anna Davidson, of Middletown, is at home for a short time.—*Roscoe Review.*

—Mr. and Mrs. Frank W. Newlands, of Brooklyn, are visiting relatives in this city.

—Miss Florence Sliter returned from the Boston Conservatory of Music, Thursday night.

—Howard O'Neal, son of Alderman-elect O'Neal, of Newport, R. I., is at home for Christmas.

—The Ellenville *Press* notes that Mrs. Catherine Bevier, of that village, is visiting in this city.

—Miss Mary Van Keuren, librarian at the public library, will spend a few days at Stamford, Conn.

—Mrs. T. N. Little went to Passaic, N. J., to-day, to spend Christmas with her daughter, Mrs. Hart.

—Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Schubert, of Bloomingburgh, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Theo. Frank, Thursday.

—Mr. and Mrs. Delos Eichenburg are visiting relatives at Mountaindale and Middletown.—*Hancock Herald.*

—Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Moore went to New York city, Thursday night, to spend Christmas with Clark Wood's family.

—William Millspaugh returned, Thursday night, from Williamsport, Pa., where he went to attend the funeral of his brother.

—Louis F. Goodsell, chairman of the Republican County Committee, was in this city, Thursday, in the interest of "harmony."

—Miss Ruth Tuthill, of near this city, who is attending the State Normal School at Oneonta, returned home, last evening, for the holiday vacation.

—The Napanoch correspondent of the Ellenville *Press* says that Rev. Geo. W. Downs and family will spend Christmas at Mrs. Downs's home in Middletown.

—Daniel Dougherty and Pete Agnew are home from Manhattan College for the holidays' vacation. The latter will catch for the varsity base ball team next season.

—Mr. and Mrs. J. Frank Cullinan left for Buffalo, Thursday night, for the holidays.

—Charles H. Hanford and Frank Hanford and their wives are in town for Christmas.

—Joseph Crosby has gone to Paterson to spend the holidays. "Joe" is the efficient assistant of Manager Thompson at the Western Union office.

—W. Gordon Emery, son of Rev. J. Newton Emery, and Merritt I. Beers are home from the New York Homeopathic Medical College for the holiday vacation.

—Miss Jennie O. Warlow, of Bayshore, L. I., who has been the guest of Mrs. S. Linn Hemingway, was called home, to-day, on the account of the illness of her mother.

THE BOYS ARE BACK.

Masters Campbell and Holden Were Employed at Scranton.

W. H. Holden went to Scranton, Wednesday, in search of his son, Arthur, and Hoik B. Campbell, son Hoik D. Campbell, who left home mysteriously, Monday. He found Hoik on Wyoming avenue about 4:30, yesterday afternoon, and the latter took him to a nice boarding house where he and young Holden had secured a room. The boys agreed to come back and word was telegraphed to their familes that they had been found.

Mr. Holden then took them to a hotel for the night and to-day returned with them to this city, reaching here on Erie train 38 at 10:48.

Hoik had secured a position with the Scranton Electrical Company, and Arthur was employed by Gerlach & Co., printers.

The boys were glad to get back for Christmas. They had been sparing of their money and were anticipating making a good business future for themselves.

Hoik states that a letter which had been left behind to mail to his parents was not deposited in the post office as directed.

The news of the return of the boys will be received by many parents in this city with real pleasure.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS DINNER.

The Poor Children of the City to Feast on Good Things at the First Baptist Church, To-morrow Afternoon.

Let a final word concerning the Christmas dinner for the poor children of the city be spoken to-day. It is generous Middletown responding to the cry of the needy children. No race or religious lines are drawn. Any child otherwise without a good turkey dinner at Christmas is welcome.

Catholics need have no hesitation about letting children of their faith come to the dinner. Thank God, Catholics as well as Protestants have given towards the dinner, and nothing will be said or done in connection with the dinner that any good Catholic will resent. For once in our city we have a union service that is union. Colored children are also heartily invited. Do not allow any child to go hungry on Christmas day if it can possibly be avoided.

Provisions may be sent to the church at any time on Saturday. Workers will be there all the time after 8 o'clock in the morning. Send anything that children can eat. About 400 pounds of turkey is being cooked for the dinner, also chickens, ham, etc. But the indications are that all and more will be needed. If there should be brought to the church more than is necessary the committee will gladly give it to the needy families of the city. Any who desire to help may do so. It will require many to wait on the children. Workers will please come to the church by 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

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"BOY PHENOMENON'S" RIVAL.

Louis F. Goodsell, Political "Healer," Visits Middletown.

Louis F. Goodsell, who is said to be a "healer" of some standing, and whose efforts were not eminently successful on his appearance here just previous to election, was again in town, Thursday. He was not preceded by any advance agent, but he hoped to cure political rheumatics by sudden surprises and the bosses here have some confidence in him.

But a cog seems to have slipped in some way. The harmony machine did not work smoothly. Dates were not kept, to be frank. Bosses ran around town; anti machine workers were ready, but something failed. Half of the Republican politicians in town are guessing what the trouble was.

Do you know?

OBITUARY.

John H. Gray.

John H. Gray died at his home in Howells at 9 o'clock, on Wednesday night, as the result of a stroke of apoplexy which prostrated him while eating dinner, on Sunday.

Wallkills' To Attend Church.

Wallkill Engine Co. will attend Grace Church, Sunday evening, to listen to the annual sermon by Chaplain Evans. The company will meet at the truck house at 7 o'clock.

Christmas Services at Grace Church.

There will be two celebrations of the holy communion in Grace Church on Christmas day, the first at 7:30 a. m. (choral), the second at 11 a. m., with morning prayer and a short address.

HEADACHE cured in 20 minutes by Dr. Miles' PAIN PILLS. "One cent a dose." At druggists.

HYMENEAL.

Scott—Woodward.

Correspondence of ARGUS and MERCURY.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Abram Woodward, of Pine Bush, was the scene of a brilliant assemblage, Wednesday evening, to witness the marriage of their daughter, Antoinette Amelia, to Abram Scott.

Promptly at 6 o'clock Miss Anna Godfrey, of Burlingham, took her seat at the organ and the bridal party entered to the strains of the Lohengrin wedding march, rendered as a vocal solo by Miss Elizabeth Godfrey, of Springfield, Mass. James Scott, brother of the bridegroom, and Benjamin V. Woodward, brother of the bride, as ushers, led the party, followed by the bridesmods. Miss Anna Woodward, of Middletown, a cousin of the bride, and Miss Maud Baker, of Brooklyn. The maid of honor, Miss Emma B. Shafer, of Pine Bush, preceded the bride and groom, who took their places within a bower of evergreens. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. E. O. Moffat, of New Prospect, the newly wedded couple kneeling for the nuptial benediction.

After receiving the congratulations of their many friends, an elaborate repast was served.

The bride looked charming in a gown of white organdie and lace and carried bridal roses. The maid of honor wore white Swiss with blue trimmings and carried a bouquet of white carnations. The bridesmaids were attired in white mull with link ribbons and white lace with white ribbons and carried pink carnations.

The presents were numerous and elegant

Mr. and Mrs. Scott left the same evening and a shower of rice and good wishes for a trip to the New England States.

Among those present were R. V. Woodward and Mr. and Mrs. Archie Rhinehart, of New York city; Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Godfrey and Miss Elizabeth Godfrey, of Springfield, Mass.; Mrs. A. E. Carpenter, Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Woodward, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Woodward, Miss Anna Woodward, Geo. E. Beakes, Miss Edna Beakes, Miss Margaret Carpenter, Miss Florence Case, Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Carpenter and Miss Sadie Rockefellow, of Middletown; W. Rockefellow, Jr., of Scotchtown; Mrs. W. H. Hall, of New York city; Mr. and Mrs. James Baker and Miss Maud Baker, of Brooklyn; the Misses May and Katie Beakes, of Goshen; Miss Addie Derby, Miss Nettie Dibb and Mrs. Winfield Hoyt, Howells Depot.

SANTA CLAUS APPEARED.

Distributed Toys and Candies Among Hundreds of Children on North street, Thursday Night.

Santa Claus made his appearance on the roof of Evan Brothers' candy store and Dayton & Son's toy store, on North street, Thursday night. Several hundred boys who had notice of his coming were on hand to greet him, and happy shouts went up when he finally appeared.

He had a generously proportioned bag and distributed candies and toys by the handful among the lads in the street below. It was a great sight and attracted many old "boys."

Fell from an Erie Train.

Fred Knaack, of Lake Huntington, was a passenger on the Erie way freight, Saturday. While rounding the curve above Cochecton his hat blew off, and while making a grab for it he lost his balance and fell from the train, rolling down a twenty-foot embankment. He was unconscious when picked up, but was not seriously hurt.

Typhoid Germs in the Cooling Vats at the Branchville Creamery.

Bacteriologist R. N. Connolly, of Newark, has reported to Paterson's Health Board that the stream flowing past the Fulbourn creamery, at Branchville, was not polluted, but that he found typhoid germs in the water in the vats in which milk was cooled.

Christmas Services at Congregational Church, Sunday Evening.

At the First Congregational Church on Sunday evening, an attractive service has been arranged of Christmas hymns, carols and anthems by choir and congregation, and brief addresses are expected from Arthur M. Payne, Esq., and Geo. H. Decker, Esq.

Erie Buying O. and W. Coal.

The O. and W. is delivering 4,000 tons of coal to the Erie Railroad Company. The former company is particularly well supplied just now. The long switches at Cornwall, this city, and in fact at all points along the line, are well filled with loaded cars.

Celebrated Her Birthday.

Miss Anna Bauer celebrated her birthday, Thursday night, by entertaining a small party of friends at a duck dinner at her father's hotel at Phillipsburgh.

Try Grain-O! Try Grain-O!

Ask your grocer to-day to show you a package of GRAIN-O, the new food drink that takes the place of coffee. The children may drink it without injury as well as the adult. All who try it, like it. GRAIN-O has that rich seal brown of Mocha or Java, but it is made from pure grains, and the most delicate stomach receives it without distress. One-fourth the price of coffee. Fifteen cents and 25 cents per package. Sold by all grocers.

Eczema in any part of the body is instantly relieved and permanently cured by Doan's Ointment, the sovereign remedy for all itchiness of the skin.

AT THE COUNTY SEAT.

INCIDENTS AND HAPPENINGS IN GOSHEN TOWN.

Death of Robert Vanstrander—Seriously Ill—What Will They Do With It?—Good Templars' Entertainment—Cataract's Hop—Personal Notes.

From Our Regular Correspondent

—After an illness of but one week in duration death came unexpectedly, yesterday morning, to Robert Vanstrander, of this village. The deceased was the son of Isaac Vanstrander and was aged twenty-two years, four months and five days. The cause of his death was acute Bright's disease. The young man was employed by Clark & May in the delivery department of their meat market. He was industrious and well thought of by his employers. Surviving him are his parents, two small sisters and one brother at home, and six sisters and one brother married. The funeral was held at 2 p. m., to-day, from his late residence on Green street. Interment in Slate Hill Cemetery.

—Matthew Doyle has been confined to his home since Monday. He is seriously ill with pneumonia.

—R. B. Hock and A. J. Moore have purchased a strip of land lying between the Goshen Driving Park and the South street extension. What the gentlemen intend to do with their purchase is a subject of speculation, although it is believed with cause that their disposition of the property will in one way or another be beneficial to the horse interests of Goshen.

—Mrs. Gaston Vernon is visiting her parents in this village.

—The Good Templars will entertain, to-night.

—S. W. Beardslee and family are at Stratford, Conn., for two weeks.

—Mrs. Safford Creemmey, of Poughkeepsie, is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. W. Murray.

—Cataract E. and H. Co.'s second dance will given at Music Hall, to-morrow night.

OLD VOLUNTEERS COMING.

Will Bring a Testimonial to the Fire Department of This City.

The committee of six from the Volunteer Firemen's Association, of New York, will arrive in this city on No. 6, to-morrow afternoon, from Port Jervis. They will bring to the department of this city a testimonial of the esteem in which the department is held for its entertainment of the "Vets" when they visited this city last fall.

Christmas Music at Christ Services.

The following music will be rendered at the Christmas services of Christ Church (Universalist) on Sunday:

MORNING.

Anthem—"Arise, Shine, for Thy Light is Come."... —A. L. Barnes
Contralto Solo—"Christmas."..... Sh Bey
Hymn 492—"Joy to the World"..... .....
Female Trio—"Angels of the Bells."..... Foster
Hymn 502—"Shout the Glad Tidings"..... .....

EVENING

Service of song by children under the direction of Mrs. Emery..... .....
Solo and Chorus—Hark, What Mean Those Holy Voices?"..... ...From Cujus Animam
Duet—"Song the Angels Sang"..... Fillmore
Trio—"Softly Silver Starlight"..... Prior
Solo—"The Song That Shall Never Come."..... —Herbert
Quartette—"Peace on Earth."..... ....Gabriel
Hymn—"When Marshaled on the Mighty Plain."
Christmas Carol—"Hallelujah, Christ is Born."... —White
Hymn 443—"All Hail the Power of Jesus Name."...

Must Vote Over Again.

The citizens of Livingston Manor will have to vote over again on the question of making the village school a union free school. The election will be held Jan. 12th, 1898. The vote in favor of the proposition has been declared defective by the Department of Public Instruction because the notices of the election did not give the qualifications of a voter.

Very Cold Weather

The thermometer stood one above zero at several places about town, to-day. Later the wind added to the uncomfortableness of the morning and shoppers were scarce and business in all lines dull. This afternoon the wind died down and the cold abated and many shoppers were out.

Safe Burglars Frightened Away.

Burglars entered George S. Weller's coal office, in Newburgh, Thursday morning, and began work on the safe. They had drilled a hole near the lock, when they awoke the family that lives over the office, who made a noise that frightened the thieves away.

Economical With Her Blessings.

An Ellenville small girl, who with her mother was late in reaching the breakfast table, a few mornings ago, astonished her mother by remarking that "it would hardly pay to ask a blessing for only two."

Hood's Sarsaparilla is prepared by experienced pharmacists who know precisely the nature and quality of all ingredients used.

Much in Little

Is especially true of Hood's Pills, for no medicine ever contained so great curative power in so small space. They are a whole medicine chest, always ready, always efficient, always satisfactory; prevent a cold or fever, cure all liver ills, sick headache, jaundice, constipation, etc. 25c. The only Pills to take with Hood's Sarsaparilla

Hood's Pills

Blind Boy's Education at Private School.

Gregory Martin, the young son of James G. Martin, who lost his sight several years ago by an explosion at his father's foundry, has been an inmate of the New York Institution for the blind. He has developed a remarkable aptitude for music and has made such progress in piano-forte tuning, that he bids fair to take a leading place in that vocation.

Royal makes the food pure, wholesome and delicious.

ROYAL BAKING POWDER

Absolutely Pure

ROYAL BAKING POWDER CO., NEW YORK.

An Illustration.

Why do you wish to overcharge a customer 50c on $10 worth of goods so as to return it in some dampnool way in 5, 10, 30, 60 or 90 days? Why not charge the customer the $9.50 if you can afford to, and save all this red tape nonsense? Why not?

GEO. B. ADAMS.

We Wish You All "A Merry Christmas."

THE BIG STORE IS THE PLACE TO BUY

Handkerchiefs,

UMBRELLAS, POCKETBOOKS

Cups and Saucers,

CLOAKS, CAPES, FURS

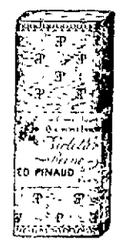
And a Host of Useful Presents.

Our store will be open until 10 o'clock, then closed until Monday, a. m.

GEO. B. ADAMS & CO.

Buy your Carpets next week. Friday, Dec. 31st, is the last day of our Great Carpet Sale.

Geo. B. Adams & Co.



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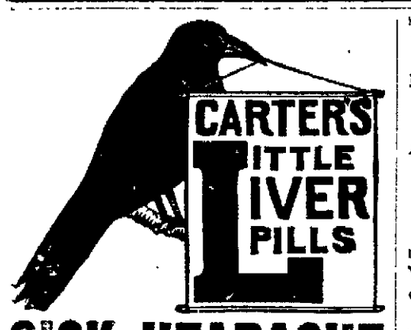

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The announcement is made by cable that Lady Ann Coventry and Prince Victor Dhuleep Singh will be married on December 29.

The engagement of the daughter of the earl of Coventry to the son of the late maharajah of Lahore was made last summer, but the Coventrys objected to the match. They were not entirely satisfied that an English aristocrat should marry an East Indian, even if the East Indian was the grandson of the "Lion of the Punjaub."

The Coventrys may have known, too, that Prince Victor was, in the language of slang, a good deal of an "Indian." However, it seems that the objections of the noble family have been overruled. The Indian government has agreed to settle $10,000 a year upon the bride, and, it may be mentioned, the Coventrys are not rich.

While the bride is so distinctly English and the bridegroom an East Indian, this marriage will much interest Americans, says the New York World. Her ladyship is the sister-in-law of Viscountess Deerhurst, who was Miss Virginia Bonynge, the American-born stepdaughter of Charles William Bonynge, who was born in England, made his fortune in California, and is now spending its income in England.

Many fashionable men and women in this country who divide the summer between Newport and Lenox remember Prince Victor Albert Jay Dhuleep Singh. His father, beaten in battle, bereft of his possessions and despoiled of the jewel of jewels, the Kohinoor, was forced to swear allegiance to Queen Victoria. England allowed him a pension of $200,000 a year, instead of the millions of rupees of income from Lahore, which she annexed. Tempted, the maharajah coquetted with the Great Bear, shook the dust of England

PRINCE DHULEEP SINGH
(The Indian Swell Who Is to Marry Lady Ann Coventry)

from his feet and placed himself in the hands of the Russian government as an instrument for whatever designs Russia might have against England in India. In return England hit the maharajah hard—hit him in his pocket, stopped his pension. The Bear threw him over, the queen was graciously pleased to pardon him; his pension was restored. But the maharajah promptly asked for more—$600 a day meant poverty to him.

Prince Victor, son of this father, is a little more than 31 years of age. He is not tall, stout, but symmetrical; his complexion, eyes and hair betoken his East Indian origin. His mother was the late Makaranee Bamba, the maharajah's first wife, to forget whose memory the old gentleman took two English wives — in succession, of course.

Educated in England, Prince Victor, in 1886, was appointed a supernumerary lieutenant of the Second Royal Dragoons. Soon he was assigned to duty on the staff of Gen. Sir John Ross, K. C. B., commanding her majesty's forces in British North America. So the young Indian who will marry a Coventry went to Halifax

But Prince Victor is gallant; he could not but be with such blood in his veins; so he tired in a twelvemonth of garrison life in Halifax and came to the United States. The men welcomed him in New York and he was "put up" at all the best clubs. The women smiled on him. Cards, invitations and three-cornered notes showered on him. The summer of 1889 saw the Lion's grandson himself a lion at Newport and Narragansett Pier; the autumn at Lenox. He went a pace in Halifax that only a great deal of money could keep up. It was said that his father, who had not enough cash for his own modest needs, allowed the prodigal son $10,000 a year in addition to his pay.

"Like father, like son." A firm in Montreal, from whom Prince Victor had bought a dog-cart, issued a writ for the cart. Then the firm that furnished his apartments called upon him for a balance of $200 due them. Half an hour later Prince Victor sent for a lawyer and gave a bill of sale for all his personal effects to his brother aide-de-camp, Lieut. Jenkins, from whom he had borrowed $750. Next day the prince left for New York, and from there he sailed for Paris. In Paris he joined his papa, who had just been forgiven by the queen and who had an installment of the $200,000 portion in his royal clothes. The Canadian tradesmen were discreet. Openly they said that Prince Victor's debts to them were trifling, but they whispered to each other that he had borrowed $100,000 from the London money lenders.

So it may be said that this East Indian has been a good deal of an "Indian." But that was seven years ago. He may be as sedate now as a parson.

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No potentate or ruler in all the world occupies so peculiar a position as Bartolome Masso. After a lifetime of battling for the cause of his native country, he has been elected president of the republic of Cuba, and has been hailed as the father of his country.

Probably there has never been an election held under similar circumstances. The details are meager in the extreme. Although the Cuban assembly convened somewhere in the mountain fastnesses of the Chamaguey district on September 2, it was not until quite recently that the result of the election was definitely known. The Cuban junta of New York has been informed at various times that Masso and Mendez Capote had been elected. The reports were conflicting.

But now it is known beyond the peradventure of a doubt that in that recent cavalcade, guarded from the Spanish forces by every precaution known to Cuban warfare, Bartolome Masso became the ruler of a republic whose government is chaos, whose warrior statesmen are hunted through their own domains like fugitives—a republic in name only.

In spite of this state of affairs the Cuban sympathizers are rejoicing. In the election of Masso, says the New York Herald, they see a new ray of hope. Throughout his entire life he has been unalterably opposed to any legislation other than that tending toward the absolute independence of Cuba. He is a scholar as well as a soldier, and a man who is said to hold honor above all else in life.

Masso was born in Manzanillo, Cuba. But his father, Bartolome Masso, and his mother, Antonia Marquez, were wealthy persons of high social standing. Masso studied science and letters, and after being graduated from the Havana university, was sent by his father on a tour through Europe. On returning to Cuba he engaged in literary and newspaper work. His political writings at once attracted attention, and made him very unpopular with the Spanish authorities in Cuba.

BARTOLOME MASSO.
(President of the Republic of Cuba.)

When the ten years' war broke out in 1868, Masso, then at Manzanillo, joined the leader of that revolution, Carlos M. de Cespedes, at La Demajagua. Masso, who had made a special study of military affairs, was placed in charge of the first body of Cuban troops mustered by President Carlos M. de Cespedes, and his command was first to engage the Spanish troops in a fight at Sabana de San Pedro, three miles from the historical town of Yara.

Masso fought throughout the ten years' war and attained the rank of colonel. When, in 1878, the Cubans accepted in good faith the promises of Spain to grant Cuba complete home rule, provided they should surrender their arms, Masso protested, and was, with Gen. Maceo, one of the last to leave the field. He continued to fight the Spanish troops even after the treaty of Zanjon had been signed. Owing more to the entreaties of his friends than his faith in the Spanish promises, he finally consented to leave the field.

The non-fulfillment by Spain of the preliminary stipulation of the treaty of peace caused another uprising to take place six months after the termination of the ten years' war. Masso, who had been constantly hinting at Spanish bad faith, was thrown into prison at the first signs of an uprising. After being kept for some time in close confinement at Morro castle, Santiago de Cuba, he was deported to Spain by order of Gen. Polavieja.

On being released in 1880, he returned to Cuba and engaged in sugar planting. His thrift and success in business soon enabled him to build up his fortune, which had been nearly ruined by the long war.

After 17 years spent in claiming from Spain the fulfillment of her promises made at Zanjon, whereby the ten years' war was ended, the Cubans resolved to take up arms again, not to compel Spain to keep her word, but in order to sever all connection between Cuba and the mother country.

Masso, who had been the trusted agent of the Cuban revolutionary committee during the time Cubans were preparing for the present revolution, was the first man to raise the standard of freedom. On February 24, 1895, at the head of a handful of men, at his estate, La Jaquita, near Manzanillo, he proclaimed the independence of Cuba.

The prestige of Masso's name lent great importance to the uprising from the start. The Spanish government sent several delegations to confer with Masso, first to induce him to return to town, afterward, to offer him the greatest assurance that home rule would be granted to Cuba.

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Its Effect on Him.

"Don't you think that twavel bwoadens a man, Miss Frankfort?" asked an English tourist who was "doing" Kentucky, and had met one of the young ladies of the state capital.

"Yes, indeed, I do. You have traveled a great deal, I presume?"

"Thanks, awfully, Miss Frankfort."

"Not at all. I merely inferred so from the fact that you are so flat."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Getting Even.

"Seems to me I've seen your face before?" said the judge, peering through his spectacles.

"Yes, your honor, you have," replied the prisoner; "I am the professor who gives the young lady next door to you lessons on the piano."

"Six years!" came from the judge quickly.—Yonkers Statesman.

The Waiter's Description.

Madame (entering a restaurant)—Do you know if Mr. Miller is here?

Waiter—Mr. Miller? Isn't he an old man with a big red nose?

Madame—Yes, that's he; but look here, I want you to understand that my husband is not old nor is his nose big and red.—Fliegende Blaetter.

Malapropos.

"How often," said Miss Miami Brown, "hit do happen dat er thoughtless remark'll spile de plaisure ob er occasion!"

"Yassendeed," replied Mr. Erastus Pinkley. "One o' de gues'es at ouah own table stopped pap right in de middle o' de kyahvin' ter ax 'im whah we got de turkey."—Washington Star.

A Life of Trouble.

"There is no occasion for you to envy me," said the prosperous person. "I have as many troubles as you."

"I s'pose ye have, mister," admitted Dismal Dawson; "but the difficulty with me is that I ain't got anything else."—Tit-Bits.

A Dangerous Blunder.

"No man can know everything," said the high-minded youth.

"Between you and me," replied Senator Sorghum, "that's a fact. But there's no excuse for a man's making the mistake of owning up to it."—Washington Star.

Something Escaped.

Boarder—This chicken soup seems to be rather weak.

Landlady—I don't see why; I told the cook how to make it, but perhaps she didn't catch the idea.

Boarder—Perhaps she didn't catch the chicken.—Chicago News.

A Fair Question.

Tottie—Mamma, what is a taxidermist?

Mamma—One who stuffs things.

Tottie—Then Johnnie is a taxidermist. He is always trying to stuff me.—N. Y. Journal.

The Happy Medium.

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We most enjoy the fowl that's small—
Just large enough, with none at all
Left over for next morning.
—Washington Star.

USUALLY ABSENT.

She—And the fortune-teller told me so many things that were true!

He—But she said something about an absent relative. What could that have meant?

She—I suppose she meant you. You spend so little time at home.—N. Y. World.

Bear Up.

Be a brave philosopher,
Do not live to groan:
Bear up under troubles
If they're not your own.

Willing to Divide.

Policeman—Here, you can't sleep on this corner.

Mr. Lushington—Shay, come off! Plenty room here f'r both of ush.—Chicago News.

Repartee.

He—Where are you going, my pretty maid?

She—I'm going to mind my own business, and you had better do the same.—Somerville Journal.

Mind and Matter.

Romantic Maiden—Look, Harry, such a beautiful sunset!

Unromantic Harry—Yes, exactly like a fried egg, isn't it?—N. Y. Journal.

The Numerical Test.

Wife (enthusiastically)—How much do you think we took in at the bazar?

Husband (quetly)—How many, you mean.—Adams Freeman.

The Dignity of Wealth.

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Show No Courtesy to Clerks and Make All the Trouble.

We show our best manners in shops, in hotels, in crowds, as well as in the most unusual circumstances of society, declares a writer in the New Orleans Picayune. How few of us show any real courtesy to shop assistants, who yet have to maintain a smiling face and an unruffled demeanor, insulted as they may be half a dozen times a day. We march in with the air of conquerors annexing all that pleases our fancy. We make our desires known with short, sharp words of command, with never a "please" to soften the verbal asperity we affect. We toss things about the counter with disdain that expresses itself as acrimoniously as if colors and patterns were moral offenses which gave us righteous cause for anger.

We give all the trouble we can, without a thought as to the time to be employed in putting away the failures we so contemptuously discard, and then we stalk out of the shop, where we have not expended a shilling, and we carry our heads as if we were the injured party, not they—those poor snubbed and badgered shop assistants. This is no fancy portrait. We can see it realized in good substantial flesh and blood any day we like to go into a large shop and watch the throng passing to and fro. Whether it be from pride, or shyness, or downright boorishness, it is none the less reprehensible, and he would be a true benefactor to his country who should substitute for our present bearing something more gracious and more genial, more courteous and more considerate.

Ain't It, Jim?

"When the frost is on the punkin," as our friend, Jim Riley, sings.
"And you hear the turkeys gobble," then you think you're growin' wings.
But the world seems even sweeter yet, as Riley won't deny,
When the turkey's on the table and the pumpkin's in the pie.
—L. A. W. Bulletin.

LOCATIONS OF FIRE ALARM BOXES.

For the information of our readers, we publish below a complete list of the numbers and locations of all the fire alarm boxes in this city:

14—Wickham Ave., cor. Prince, O. & W. R. R.
15—North street and Low avenue, hat shops.
16—North St. and Wisner Ave., type shop.
17—Railroad avenue and Montgomery street.
18—Grand avenue and Prince street.
23—Wickham avenue, corner Liberty street.
24—West Main street and Wallkill avenue.
25—North street, corner Wickham avenue.
26—James and Henry streets.
27—North and John streets, Erie crossing.
28—Lake avenue and West street.
29—W. Main street, corner Monhagen avenue.
213—State Hospital Gate.
214—Prospect street and Highland avenue.
215—Rear of State Hospital.
34—Fulton and Mill streets, hat shop.
35—High and Hanford streets.
36—Canal street, condensery.
37—Mulberry and Fulton streets.
38—Fairview avenue and South street.
41—Fulton street and East avenue.
42—Academy avenue and Houston avenue.
43—East Main street and Railroad avenue.
45—East Main street, foot of Orchard street.
46—Academy avenue and Genung street.
47—Myrtle and Prospect avenue.
48—Grant street and Sprague avenues.
49—East Main street and Prospect avenue.
54—North street, near Orchard.
57—Franklin Square.

21—Rung before a box number, denotes that a test is being made.
1 stroke denotes circ't broken.
2-2-2 strokes of bell denotes Chief's call.
3 strokes of bell denotes 12 o'clock time.
4 strokes of bell denotes recall, fire is out.

Inflammatory Rheumatism Cured In Three Days.

Morton L. Hill, of Lebanon, Ind., says: "My wife had inflammatory rheumatism in every muscle and joint, her suffering was terrible and her body and face were swollen beyond recognition; had been in bed for six weeks and had eight physicians but received no benefit until she tried the Mystic Cure for Rheumatism. It gave immediate relief and she was able to walk about in three days. I am sure it saved her life." Sold by J. E. Mills, No. 2 Empire Block, Druggist, Middletown.

For Over Fifty Years

MRS. WINSLOW'S SOOTHING SYRUP has been used by millions of mothers for their children while teething. If disturbed at night and broken of your rest by a sick child, suffering and crying with pain of Cutting Teeth, send at once and get a bottle of "Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup" for Children Teething. It will relieve the poor little sufferer immediately. Depend upon it, mothers, there is no mistake about it. It cures Diarrhœa, regulates the Stomach and Bowels, cures Wind Colic, softens the Gums, reduces Inflammation and gives tone and energy to the whole system. "Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup" for children teething is pleasant to the taste and is the prescription of one of the oldest and best female physicians and nurses in the United States. Price twenty-five cents a bottle. Sold by all druggists throughout the world. Be sure and ask for "Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup." d&w

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For Infants and Children.

The fac simile signature of Chas. H. Fletcher is on every wrapper.

Everybody Says So.

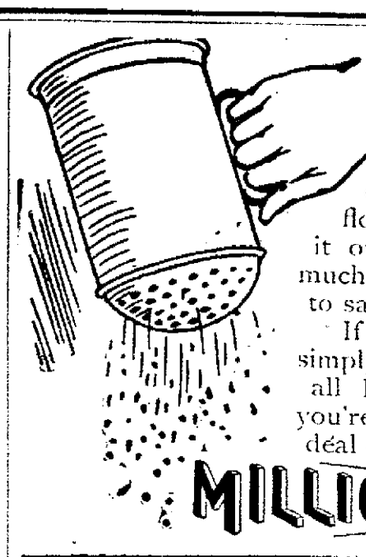
Cascarets Candy Cathartic, the most wonderful medical discovery of the age, pleasant and refreshing to the taste, act gently and positively on kidneys, liver and bowels, cleansing the entire system, disperse colds, cure headache, fever, habitual constipation and biliousness. Please buy and try a box of C. C. C. to-day; 10, 25, 50 cents. Sold and guaranteed to cure by all druggists.

Mrs. Stark, Pleasant Ridge, O., says, "After two doctors gave up my boy to die, I saved him from croup by using One Minute Cough Cure." It is the quickest and most certain remedy for coughs, colds and all throat and lung troubles. W. D. Olney.

When billious or costive, eat a Cascaret-candy cathartic, cure guaranteed, 10c.

Disfigurement for life by burns or scalds may be avoided by using DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve, the great remedy for piles and for all kinds of sores and skin troubles. W. D. Olney.

Mrs. Mary Bird, Harrisburg, Pa., says "My child is worth millions to me; yet I would have lost her by croup had I not invested twenty-five cents in a bottle of One Minute Cough Cure." It cures coughs, colds and all throat and lung troubles. W. D. Olney.



A good idea

is to keep some Pearline in a sifter, ready to use for floor-washing, dish-washing, etc., etc. You sprinkle a little over the floor, for instance, and then just wash it over with a wet cloth. See how much more convenient to use than soap, to say nothing of the easier work!

If you're buying and using Pearline simply for washing clothes, and not for all kinds of washing and cleaning, you're cheating yourself out of a great deal of comfort and economy. 547

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No book has ever been made for young people which compares in value, or has had one-tenth the sale of this great annual.

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Renowned for quality, it is clear, to do good work is his ide
Admirable workmanship, skill and care, he shows at prices just and fai
A line of SADDLES, too, he has, that elsewhere we may seek in vai
Splendid ROBES, of patterns neat; and BLANKETS, he has a stock complet
Call in for WHIPS, they're all first-class, his BITS and BRIDLES none can surpass
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That is what we are looking for, something nice for a ladies' present, something nice for a gentleman's present and something for pa and ma and the children, and the place to go and find such articles, and not all paper talk, is at

F. D. Kernochan's, the Middletown Jeweler.

Our stock is new, complete and ready for inspection. With a very little money your wants can be satisfied. Besides our Christmas stock, we have our usual large stock of Diamonds, Watches, Jewelry and Silverware. Old gold bought and taken in exchange. Eyes examined and lenses fitted free for all glasses purchased before X-mas.

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coming above the knee, with a strap to buckle around the leg. I have been asked for them often in the past but never had them before. I also have them for larger boys and men at the one price shoe store of

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CHRISTMAS MUSIC.

Programme for the Musical services at Grace Church on Christmas Day.

The following musical programmes will be rendered at the services at Grace Church on Christmas day.

HOLY COMMUNION 7:30 A. M.

Processional—Hymn 51.....
Kyrie in G.....Gounod
Gloria Tibi—Plain Song.....
Gratias Tibi—Plain Song.....
Credo.....Gounod
Sursum Corda.....Tours
Sanctus.....Gounod
Communion—Hymn 226.....
Gloria in Excelsis.....Gounod
Recessional—Hymn 60.....

11 A. M.

Morning Prayer.....
Processional—Hymn 51.....
Te Deum.....Calkin
Benedictus.....Parker
Introit—Hymn 321.....
Kyrie.....Gounod
Gloria Tibi—Plain Song.....
Gratias Tibi—Plain Song.....
Credo.....Gounod
Anthem—"Plains of Bethlehem."....Buck
Sursum Corda.....Tours
Sanctus.....Gounod
Communion—Hymn 60.....
Gloria in Excelsis.....Gounod
Recessional—Hymn 51.....

THE O. AND W. BAND.

Now Having Regular Practice Meetings at the North End.

The Ontario and Western Band held a practice meeting, Wednesday night, at the North End machine shops. Nineteen members of the band were present and Prof. Collins, of Newburgh, who is their instructor, gave them aid in their work.

The band is made up entirely of N. Y., O. and W. employes, sixteen being shopmen and three in the train service. The practice meetings will be held weekly. The band is equipped with a full set of the celebrated Henry Distin, (Williamsport, Pa.,) instruments, silver plated and gold lined, and Prof. Collins states that they are the finest he ever knew a band to start with.

The band will be incorporated under the State law, by which the instruments are made corporate property.

KNIGHTS OF MACCABEES.

Officers Elected for 1898 at Thursday Night's Meeting.

The annual election of Middletown Tent, No. 283, Knights of Maccabees, occurred. Thursday night, resulting as follows:

Commander—K. W. Stuib.
Lieutenant Commander—A. V. Penny.
Record Keeper—N. L. Jennings.
Finance Keeper—E. E. Thorpe.
Chaplain—P. M. Johnson.
Sergeant—F. E. Lapham.
Master-at-Arms—W. I. French.
First Master of Guards—C. Z. Taylor.
Second Master of Guards—Jacob Horn.
Picket—Grant R. Wilson.
Physician—J. E. Leemon, M. D.

These officers will be installed two weeks from to-night.

Will Pay the Amount of the Policy.

From the Elmira Ile Press.

The Commercial Travelers' Insurance Company has arranged to pay the $5,000 life insurance policy on the life of Geo. W. Hendrickson, who was killed by falling from the awning roof of the Mitchell House to the Canal street sidewalk.

Three Weddings in an Hour.

From the Port Jervis Gazette.

Rev. Ezra T. Sanford was very busy, Wednesday night. At 7:30 Charles St. John Abner and Miss Josephine Steinhart were united in marriage at the parsonage, and at 8 o'clock Miss Gussie Brown became Mrs. Charles H. Wood at the home of the bride's mother. At 8:15 the busy minister found Frank H. Smith and Miss Phoebe J. Doty waiting at the parsonage prepared to make their marriage vows.

To Be Pension Examiners.

Congressman Odell, Saturday, recommended Drs. J. F. Corlett, of Mountaindale; Chas. W. Piper, of Wurtsboro, and Wm. P. Hall, of Grahamsville, to be members of the Board of Pension Examiner Surgeons for Sullivan county.

Superintendent Tuthill's Holidays.

Superintendent Tuthill left for Corning, Thursday. Next week he will attend the meeting of associated principals at Syracuse and the meeting of scientists at Ithaca.

Turf and Course Notes.

—Trainer T. E. Fogg, late of Middletown, is now at A. A. Bonner, Elkwood Park Farm, the home of Alcantara, near Long Branch, N. J.—*Trotter and Pacer.*

Christmas at the State Hospital.

The patients at the State Hospital will have a Christmas tree entertainment in Amusement Hall, to night.

Ideal Treatment for Rheumatism.

The "Mystic Cure" for Rheumatism removes at once the rheumatic poison from the system and the disease immediately disappears. Whilst the "Mystic Life Renewer" builds up the shattered nervous system, improves the digestion and restores the general health. It is the greatest cure for all nervous diseases and weakness as well as the most powerful nerve builder known.

Sold by J. E. Mills, 2 Empire Block, Druggist, Middletown.

To-night and To-morrow Night.

And each day and night during this week you can get at any druggists Kemp's Balsam for the Throat and Lungs, acknowledged to be the most successful remedy ever sold for Coughs, Bronchitis, Asthma and Consumption. Get a bottle, to-day, and keep it always in the house, so you can check your cold at once. Price 25c. and 50c. Sample bottle free.

Cascarets stimulate liver, kidneys and bowels. Never sicken, weaken or gripTen cents.

MRS. PETERSON'S STORY.

I have suffered with womb trouble over fifteen years. I had inflammation, enlargement and displacement of the womb.

The doctor wanted me to take treatments, but I had just begun taking Mrs. Pinkham's Compound, and my husband said I had better wait and see how much good that would do me. I was so sick when I began with her medicine, I could hardly be on my feet. I had the backache constantly, also headache, and was so dizzy. I had heart trouble, it seemed as though my heart was in my throat at times choking me. I could not walk around and I could not lie down, for then my heart would beat so fast I would feel as though I was smothering. I had to sit up in bed nights in order to breathe. I was so weak I could not do anything.

I have now taken several bottles of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, and used three packages of Sanative Wash, and can say I am perfectly cured. I do not think I could have lived long if Mrs. Pinkham's medicine had not helped me.—MRS. JOSEPH PETERSON, 513 East St., Warren, Pa.

NEWS OF THE CHURCHES.

Notes of Sunday Services and Other Matters of Religious Interest.

—W. C. T. U., 134 North street—Services at 3 o'clock. The public is invited to attend

—Second Presbyterian Church, Rev. Charles Beattie, D. D., pastor—Preaching 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.; C. E. meeting 6:30 p. m. Juniors meet at 3 p. m. Strangers welcome.

—Faith Mission, 11 Mill street. Elder D. L. Conkling, pastor. You will be made welcome to any or all of the services at the Mission. Sunday School, 2 p. m.; gospel service at 3 p. m.

—St. Paul's M. E. Church, Rev. Frank L. Wilson, D. D., pastor—Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.; Sunday School, 9:30 a. m.; class meeting, 9:45 a. m.; Junior Epworth League, 3 p. m.; Epworth League prayer meeting, 6:30 p. m. Seats free and strangers cordially invited.

—North End M. E. Chapel—Sunday School at 2:30 p. m. Robert Lawrence, Supt.

—Y. M. C. A., North street—Meeting for men at 3:30 p. m. All men welcome. Good orchestra in attendance.

—First Congregational Church, Rev. W. A. Robinson, D. D., pastor—Sunday School, 9:45 a. m.; preaching 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.; young people's service, 6:30 p. m. Evening service, 7:30. Cordial welcome to all. Christmas sermon in the morning. Special Christmas services in the evening.

—First Presbyterian Church, Rev. Thomas Gordon, D. D., pastor—Services at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.; Juniors at 3:30 p. m.; Young People's service, 6:30 p. m.

—East Main Street Mission—Sunday School, 3 p. m. A cordial invitation to all.

—North Street Congregational Church. Morning service at 10:30 a. m. Preaching by the pastor Rev. J. W. Norris. Sunday School, 12 m.; Y. P. S. C. E. at 6:30 p. m. Seats free. Strangers welcome. Morning subject: "The Coming of Christ." Evening subject: "The best of life."

—Christ Church (Universalist) Assembly Room, 61 North street. Rev. J. Newton Emery pastor. Sunday School at 10 a. m. Public worship at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday School Christmas service at 10 a. m. Subject of morning Christmas sermon, "A little child." Special music. Evening, Christmas service of song by children with short addres on "The Holy Spirit." All are cordially invited to participate in these Christmas services.

MOUNT HOPE.

Christmas Tree for Sunday School Children—Personal Notes.

Correspondence ARGUS and MERCURY.

—There will be a Christmas tree in the church, on Friday evening, for the children of the Sunday School.

—Mrs. Robert Watts, of Poughkeepsie, is spending a few weeks at the home of her father, Jonas Rifenberg.

—Mrs. D. G. Carpenter, of High View, spent Friday night with relatives in this place.

—Mrs. Cynthia Mulock is quite ill, as is also Mrs. Lewis Smith.

—Mrs. Nettie Miller is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Sarah Ketcham, for a few days.

Catarrh Cannot be Cured.

with LOCAL APPLICATIONS, as they cannot reach the seat of the disease. Catarrh is a blood or constitutional disease, and in order to cure it you must take internal remedies. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, and acts directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces. Hall's Catarrh Cure is not a quack medicine. It was perscribed by one of the best physicians in this country for years, and is a regular perscription. It is composed of the best tonics known, combined with the best blood purifiers, acting directly on the mucous surfaces. The perfect combination of the two ingredients is what produces such wonderful results in curing Catarrh. Send for testimonials, free.

F. J. CHENEY & CO., Props., Toledo, O. Sold by druggists, price 75c.
Hall's Family Pills are the best.

DOVER, N. H., Oct. 31, 1896.

MESSRS. ELY BROS.:—The Balm reached me safely and in so short a time the effect is surprising. My son says the first application gave decided relief. I have a shelf filled with *"Catarrh Cures."* To-morrow the stove shall receive them and Ely's Cream Balm will reign supreme. Respectfully.

MRS. FRANKLIN FREEMAN.

Cream Balm is kept by all druggists. Full size 50 cents. Trial size 10 cents. We mail it.

In cases of burns, sprains, scalds, or any of the other accidental pains likely to come to the human body, Dr. Thomas' Eclectric Oil gives almost instant relief.

A bottle of Dr. Wood's Norway Pin Syrup in the house saves doctors' bills, saves trouble, and very often saves precious lives. Gives almost instant relief in cases of coughs, colds, or lung troubles of any sort.

DeWitt's Little Early Risers.
The famous little ...

TOO MUCH MONGOOSE.

Jamaica Overrun with the Destructive Animals.

In 1872 Mr. W. Bancroft Espeut imported four pairs of the Indian mongoose for the purpose of destroying the "cane-piece rat." Ten years later, says Nature, it was estimated that the saving to the colony through the work of this animal amounted to £100,000 annually. Then came a sudden change in the aspect of affairs. It was found that the mongoose destroyed all ground-nesting birds, and that the poultry, as well as the insectiverous reptiles and batrachians of the island, were being exterminated by it. Injurious insects increased in consequence a thousandfold; the temporary benefits of the introduction were speedily wiped away, and the mongoose became a pest.

Domestic animals, including young pigs, kids, lambs, newly-dropped calves, puppies and kittens, were destroyed by it, while it also ate ripe bananas, pineapples, young corn, avocado pears, sweet potatoes, cocoas, yams, peas, sugar cane, meat and salt provisions and fish. Now we are told nature has made another effort to restore the balance. With the increase of insects due to the destruction by the mongoose of their destroyers has come an increase of ticks, which are destroying the mongoose, and all Jamaicans rejoice.

Shoes for Hunting Dogs.

Dogs wearing canvas shoes startle eastern men who are hunting prairie chicken and quail on Nebraska plains. While the dogs waddle somewhat like ducks when wearing these shoes they manage to comfortably cover a lot of ground in a day after having been broken to the use of the incumbrances. Shoeing the dogs saves their feet from soreness induced by running over the stubble.

Shrinks When It Is Worn.

Concerning porpoise leather, the Shoe and Leather Reporter says that it is peculiar in this that instead of stretching it shrinks when it has been worn. It is practically waterproof, and is, therefore, as hard on the feet as rubbers would be when worn constantly. It is made up into shoes for winter wear and shoe laces, its strength and other qualities fitting it particularly well for this purpose.

"Only the Best"

Should be your motto when you need a medicine. Do not be induced to take any substitute when you call for Hood's Sarsaparilla. Experience has proved it to be the best. It is an honest medicine, possessing actual and unequalled merit. Be wise and profit by the experience of other people.

Hood's Pills are the best family cathartic and liver medicine. Gentle, reliable, sure.

BACKACHE and RHEUMATISM relieved in Dr. Miles' Nervo Plasters

DIED

FOSTER—At Pine Island, Dec. 18th, '97, Mrs. Arminda Knapp Foster, aged seventy-four years, four months, eleven days.

FRED O. ROCKAFELLOW, Funeral Director and Embalmer, 99 North street. Telephone No. 8. Lady assistant. New York office 154 East 23d street, with H. E. Taylor & Co.

KNAPP & MERRITT, Undertakers and Embalmers, 42 West Main street corner James, Middletown, N. Y. 50 Great Jones St., New York city. Lady assistant. Telephone Call No. 10.

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DOUGHERTY & REILLY, Undertakers and Embalmers, 50 Cottage street, Middletown. Telephone 42, night and day. New York office, 52 Great Jones street. Also long distance telephone. Lady assistant.

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RAFFLE, John street, next to Scott's livery stable to-night and to-morrow night. 28d2t

SPECIAL Meeting of Wallkill Council, No. 57 R. T. of T. to be held at M. Kimble's, 35 Mill street, on Dec. 27th, 1897.
1t1 S. M. DRAKE, Rec. Sec.

FIRST Floor to let at No. 10 West Main street, suitable for dressmaking, milliner or offices. 15 tf Address Box 65, Goshen.

LADIES' and Gents' Suits and overcoats cleaned, dyed and pressed, gloves cleaned ostrich plumes cleaned, dyed and curled.
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THE Klondike isn't in it with the bargains in second-hand goods at LOEVEN'S Storage House, 21 Monhagen avenue. 7sdlyOct23,98

FOR RENT—Double house, No. 14 Beattie avenue, arranged for two families city water. Barn if wanted. Low rent, desirable location. 11dtf F. C. EVERSON, 150 East Main street.

THERE are many new designs in Watches, Clocks, Jewelry, etc., for the season of '97-'98. Call and examine them at A. M. AMBLER'S, 50 North street, next to Press office. Repairing a specialty at short notice and all work guaranteed. Engraving of all goods purchased free of charge. See other adv.

CHOICE PERFUMES make desirable Christmas gifts for young and old, but get GOOD. There is any quantity of cheap, trashy stuff offered in dry goods and bargain stores. We will be pleased to show you our line of really fine perfumes, ranging in price from 25c to $2 50. Call in and see them at
CHAMBERS' Postoffice Pharmacy, 57 North street, second door from postoffice.

FINE Christmas Presents—Old violins $2 and $5, mandolins $1 to $3, banjos $2 to $3, and extra fine zither and case, 52 strings, only $5 50, seldom get such a fine instrument.
EXCHANGE AND MART CO., No. 46 East Main street

LOWER Part of house, 69 East avenue; lower part of house, with barn, 30 Canal street; lower part of house, with barn, 203 East Main street, for rent.
Enquire of P. CUMMINGS, 100 North street, or corner East Ave and Fulton St. 78dtf

PERFUMES in Bulk—Woodworth's best triple extracts, Violets of Sicily, Blue Lilies, Jockey Club, Musk, Lily of the Valley, Crab Apple Blossom, Frangipanni, White Rose, Stephanotis, Heliotrope, etc. We'll be pleased to show them to you.
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MERRILL & BURKE, Attorneys, No. 57 North street. dtf

Collectors Notice!

Having received the tax warrant for the town of Wallkill, I will receive taxes beginning MONDAY, Dec 20, 1897, and for thirty days thereafter at one per cent. at the office of Crans & Santee in the village of Circleville, N. Y., except the following dates when I will be at the places named:

Wednesday, Dec 22, 1897, at the hotel of M. S. Askew, Fair Oaks, N. Y.
Friday, Dec. 24, 1897, at King's Hotel, Howells Depot, N. Y.
Monday, Dec. 27, 1897, at the hotel of L. V. Bauer, in Phillipsburgh, N. Y.
Wednesday, Dec. 29, 1897, at the residence of Dr. A. C. Santee, in Scotchtown, N. Y.
Thursday, Dec 23, 1897 and Monday, Jan. 17, 1898, at the Merchant and Manufacturers' National Bank, Middletown, N. Y.
Monday, Jan. 10, 1898, at the residence of Andrew Crans, Crystal Run, N. Y.
Thursday, Jan. 13, 1898, at the hotel of Charles Bellinger, Mechanictown, N. Y.

The hours for receiving taxes will be from 9 a. m. to 3 p. m.

All taxes remaining unpaid at the end of thirty days will be charged for at the rate of five per cent.

W. F. CRANS, Collector for the town of Wallkill. 625,25,swtoJan17

WANTED AT ONCE.

100 tons of Dry Bones, in large or small lots. Will pay highest cash price. Old iron, cast and wrought iron, copper, brass, zinc, lead, tin foil, and all kinds of old metal, all kinds of furs, including dog, cat and rabbit skins, rubber and other junk; also second-hand machinery, boilers and engines, including shafting, pulleys, piping bought and sold at 125 Fulton street.

HENRY MEYER.

12d1mJan3

SLEIGHS FOR SALE.

Pair nice light pleasure Bob Sleighs, complete, with two seats, cushions, poles and shafts. Address or call upon
WALTER H. ANDERSON,
Wurtsboro, N. Y.

HOLIDAY SALE—We will sell all our Felt, Chenille and Velvet Hats at a discount of 25 to 50 per cent. Also great reductions on birds, plumes, sweeps and fancy feathers. This is to reduce our stock and induce you to buy your hats here for Christmas gifts. See our stamped linens and embroidery silks. Ribbons sold cheap for fancy work.
50d&wtf MRS. BUSH, 144 North street.

A SPLENDID Line of elegant Sachet Powder (for the ladies' use in making Christmas gifts), composed of trailing arbutus, white rose, heliotrope, violet, blue bells, frangipanni, jockey club, etc., at
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WANTED—Ladies to remember that you swore off on having your shoes repaired with nails. It makes them stiff and heavy. CRAIG sews on the soles, which makes your shoes feel flexible. The cost is no more.

CANDY BY THE TON

SLOAT'S

Candy Store,

15-17 East Main St.

Reduced Prices on Christmas Stock!

Notwithstanding our large sale of holiday goods, we will cut prices on remaining stock to make a

Clean Sweep To-morrow, Friday.

Toys, Dolls, Games

that have been 5c reduced to 3c 8c goods will be 6c., 10c goods 8c., 25c goods 19c and so on.

Celluloid Novelties, Perfumes.

A straight discount of 10 per cent. will be made.

Handkerchiefs.

25c embroidered, cotton and silk, now 19c; 48c silk handkerchiefs, now 39c.; 12½c handkerchiefs at 10c.; men's all linen handkerchiefs at 10c.

Japanese Ware.

Cups and saucers were 25c., now 19c.; cups and saucers were 15c., now 10c; Satsuma Vases per pair, were 29c., now 20c; do., were 35c, now 25c; do, were 40c, now 30c.; Kiro Vases were 60, 75c. $1, now 48, 59, 75c

ECONOMY STORE,

118 North St., Middletown

EXTRAORDINARY ATTRACTIONS

AT

COTTAGE THEATRE, MECHANICTOWN,

FOR

Week Commencing Monday, Dec. 20th.

Paddy Mahar, comedian, vocalist and Irish dancer. The little magnet, Lulu Leonard, is a basket of sparkling gems. First appearance of Miss Marie Barnes, the petite little serio-comic. The little rough diamond, Miss Clara Davey, in negro medleys, buck and wing dancing.

"A MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL."

Madden and Adams, Billie and Clara, in a new and original comedy sketch, entitled: "A Rough Introduction," replete with songs, dialogue and dancing.

P. S.—Don't forget the grand ball, Thursday night, in connection with the above show.

TURKEY RAFFLE TO-NIGHT at 146 North street. 24d6t

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Free Courtesy to Our Customers

We take great pleasure in showing our complete stock of Watches, Clocks, Jewelry, Opera Glasses, etc., in the latest designs and patterns of the most reliable manufacture. Also we have something that will please the eye and pocketbook in the line of Silver Novelties, Toilet Sets, Cut Glass Jars, Gold Pens, Pocketbooks and hundreds of articles which we can show you better than tell about.

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Florida and Jamaica Oranges, Celery, Cranberries, Lemons, Table Raisins and Cooking Raisins.

English Walnuts 10c a Pound.

Soft Shell Almonds Two Pounds for 25 Cents.

Pure Mixed and Cream Candies for a pound. Finest Creamery Butter 25c a pound. Good Dairy Butter 20, 22 and 25c a pound. Fine Java, Mocha and Maracaibo Coffee.

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The Middletown Savings Bank. 57th Dividend.

December 23d, 1897.

The Trustees of this bank have declared interest at the rate of 4 per cent. per annum up to $1,000 and on the excess 3 per cent. up to $3,000 on all sums entitled thereto, for the six months ending on the 31st, payable on and after the third Monday in January next. Money deposited on or before Jan. 10th will draw interest from the 1st.

ALBERT BULL, President.
D. H. BAILEY, Treasurer. 20d2t&ltw

WE WISH ALL OUR FRIENDS AND CUSTOMERS A Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Commencing Monday, January 3d, 1898,

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3,042 Pieces of Muslin Underwear!

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Lowest Prices Ever Made by Any Firm in Middletown.

The Goods Were Bought Months Ago

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It is All Made by Skilled Hands,

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NOT COUNTING THE MAKING.

No Woman Who Cares to Save Money Should Miss This Great Sale.

It will pay you to borrow the money rather than miss this chance of getting your share of the goods at the prices they will be marked at.

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